



Wild Turkey
19.31.16
NMAC

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New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting

Santa Fe, NM



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32 Public Comments to date

- 19 suggestions to adjust seasons or add new hunts
- 1 suggestion to adjust spring bag limit to one gobbler
- 3 regarding various management methods
- 4 regarding law enforcement issues
- 4 suggestions to adjust permit/license numbers



Final Proposed Amendments

- Repeal Gould's Turkey Enhancement Permits Rule (19.31.20 NMAC).
- Combine the text of the Gould's Turkey Enhancement Permits Rule (19.31.20 NMAC) with the Turkey Rule (19.31.16 NMAC).
- Simplify hunt tables.
- Adjust dates for calendar year.



Final Proposed Amendments

Recommended hunt closures

- Sugarite State Park fall turkey hunts.
- W.S. Huey WMA fall draw hunt





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Recommended additions

- Rattlesnake Canyon closure area in GMU 2A: add youth-only draw hunt (5 permits). Bag limit 1 bearded turkey; permits also valid during GMU 2 draw hunt
- GMU 2 draw hunt: add 15 draw permits to spring hunt
- GMU 8: archery-only spring draw hunt (10 permits). Bag limit of one bearded turkey



Final Proposed Amendments

Recommended additions

- Statewide early youth hunt: extend for one day (Friday) prior to spring season.
- GMU 5B: open during fall season
- Remove Humphries, Rio Chama, and Sargent WMA's from closure exception (19.31.16.10 M. NMAC)



Gould's Wild Turkey Gould's Surveys



Spring 2013

- 21 turkeys observed
- New roost site located

Spring 2014

- 57 turkeys observed
- Turkeys and sign in new areas

Proposed Gould's Release Sites for 2015

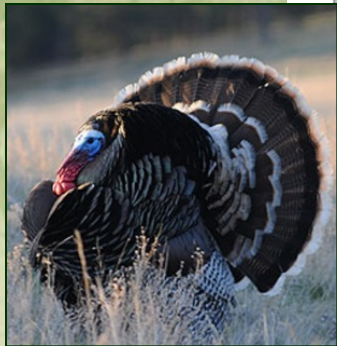


20-40 Gould's wild turkey to be transplanted from AZ to the Peloncillo Mountains

- Blackwater Draw
- Skeleton Canyon

Questions?

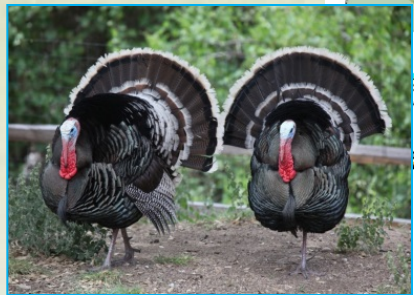




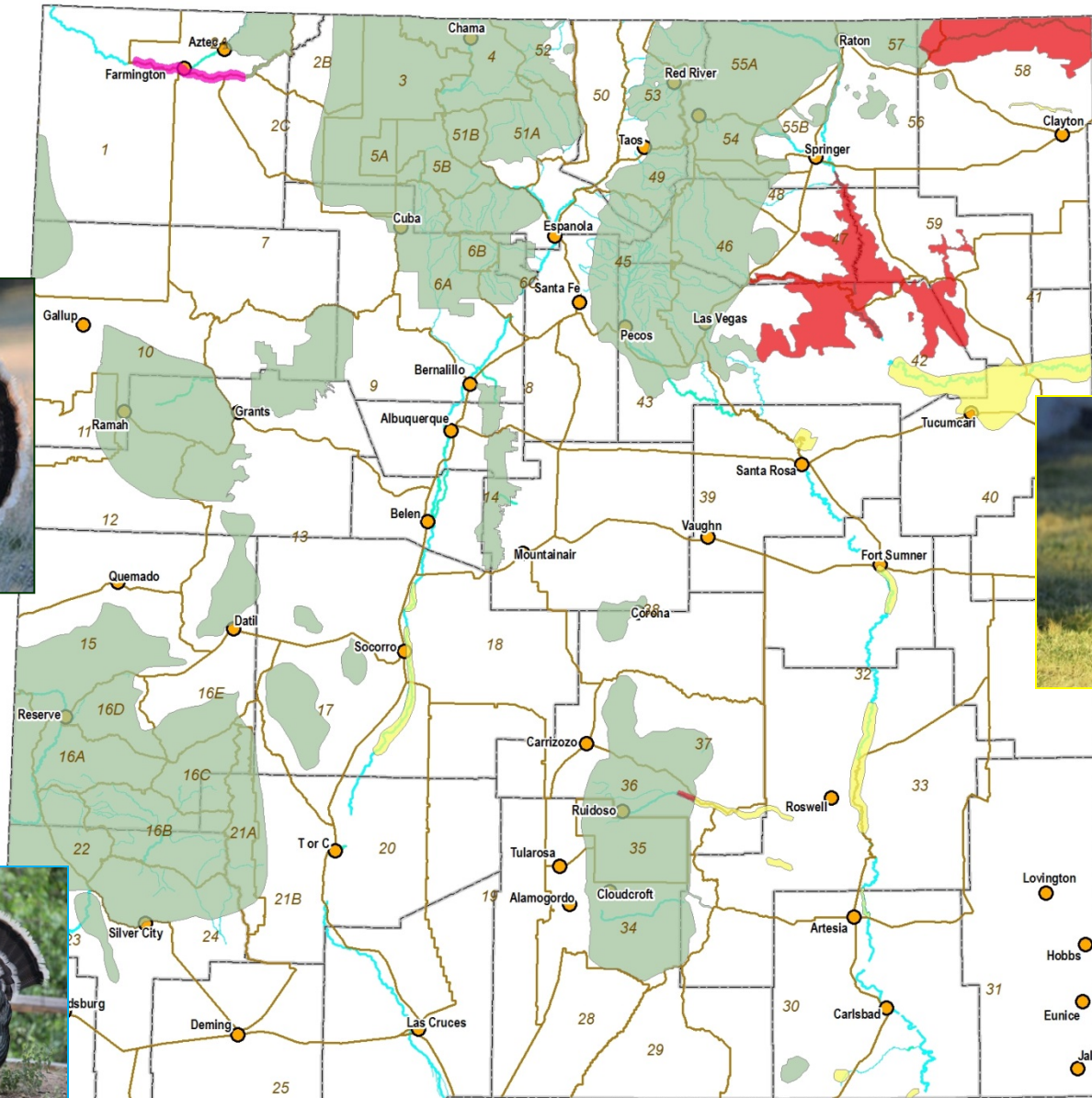
Merriam's



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



May 2013

Wildlife Management Division