

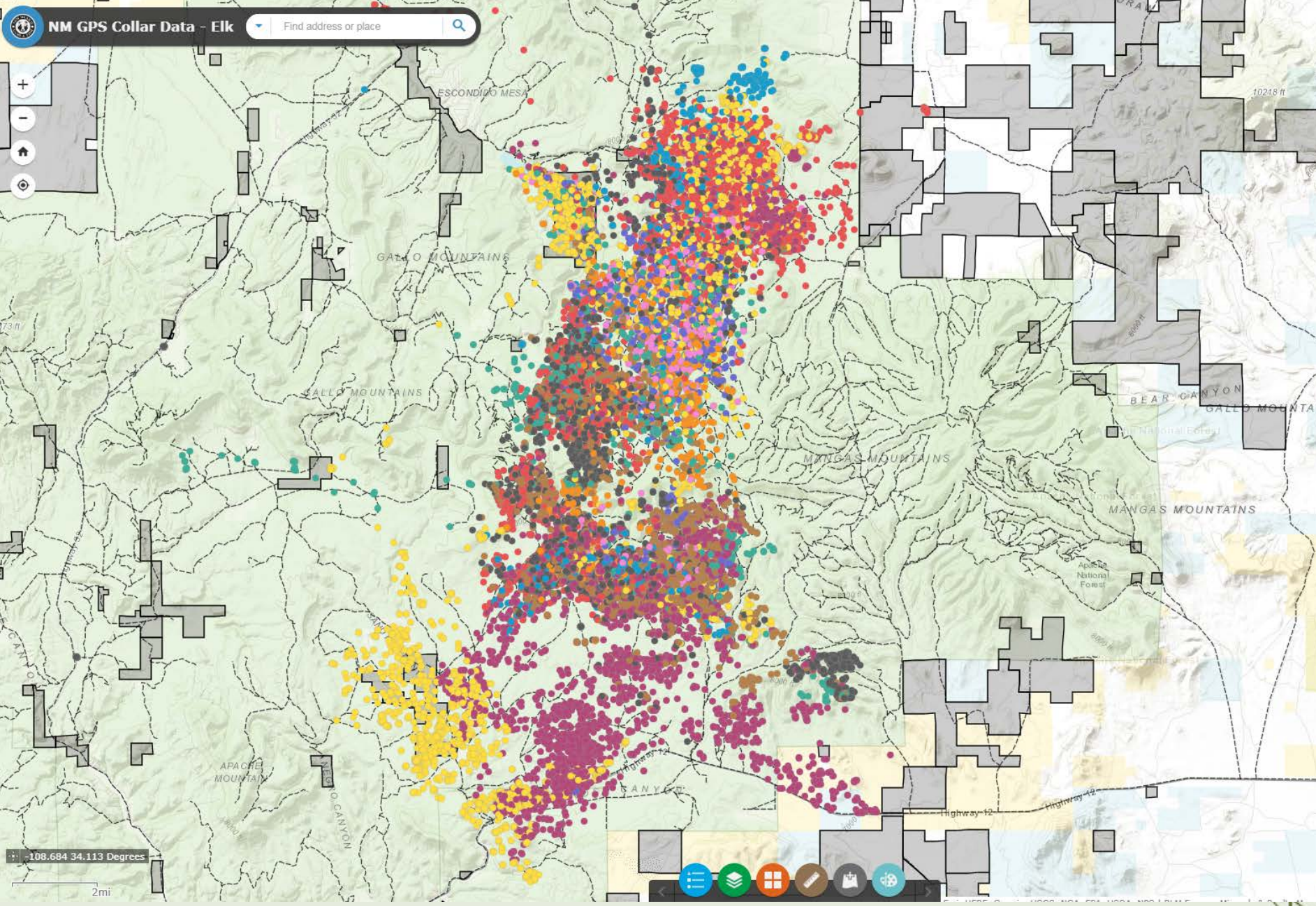
Fair Chase Rule Development



January 17, 2020
New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting
Las Cruces, NM

Senate Bill 383

- Authorizes the Commission to prescribe rules that embody the principals of fair chase.
- Prohibits distribution of wildlife location data collected by the Department



Proposed Rule

Withhold location data as long as

- a transmitter is active
- the animal is alive
- there is an ongoing study
- the data could reasonably predict the animal's current or future location
- the data would provide a hunter with an advantage contrary to fair chase principals

Proposed Rule

Withhold location data

- from aerial and ground surveys
- that could compromise the viability of a population
- that could encourage illegal take
- when the species has a very limited distribution either continuously or at specific times
- provided to the Department from other researchers

Proposed Rule

- Withhold radio frequencies of active transmitters
- Buffer location data to a polygon applicable to the species
- Allow data to be shared with university researchers and wildlife management agencies

Public Comments

- 2 comments were made at previous Commission meetings
 - One in support of the new rule
 - One offering additional information on concept of fair chase



Questions

