



Wildlife Management Division

EIK 19.31.14 NMAC

November 30, 2018

State Game Commission Meeting

Roswell, NM

Public Comment on Proposed Changes

- 455 attendees at 9 public meetings
- 263 submissions (emails, letters, comment cards)
- Supportive of ≥ 1 aspect of final proposal (57)
- Non-supportive of ≥ 1 aspect of final proposal (23)
- Senior/Youth hunts (17)
 - support senior hunts = 7, opposed to reducing youth = 8, other = 2*
- COER & GMU boundary comments (36)
 - support final proposed = 14, opposed = 5, other suggested changes = 17
- Private/public allocation & draw process (101)
 - Allocation = 56, draw process = 45
 - 13 make public/private dates consistent
 - 11 put EPLUS maps online and/or post property
- Other season/bag limit/license change recommendations (28)
- Other/unrelated (18)

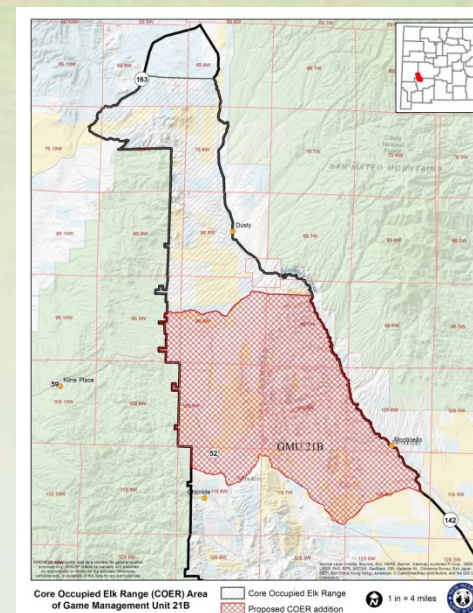
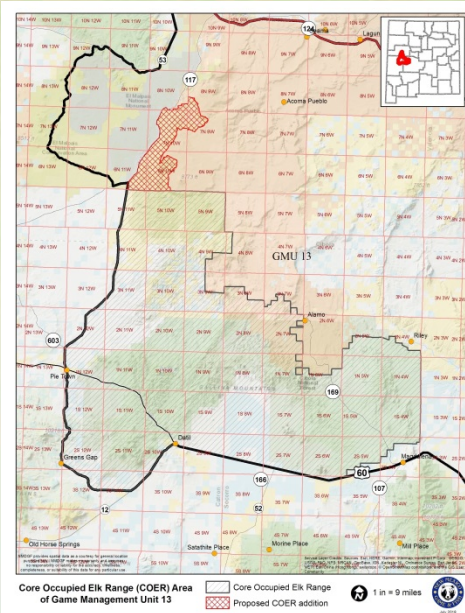
Proposed Changes Summary

- Adjust season for calendar date shifts
- Adjust licenses to current public-private split
- Youth encouragement hunts
 - Sell to youth for 1st 14 days, then open to seniors 65 years & older
- Move APR hunts to draw
- Adjust COER boundaries in primary elk management zone



SW Area

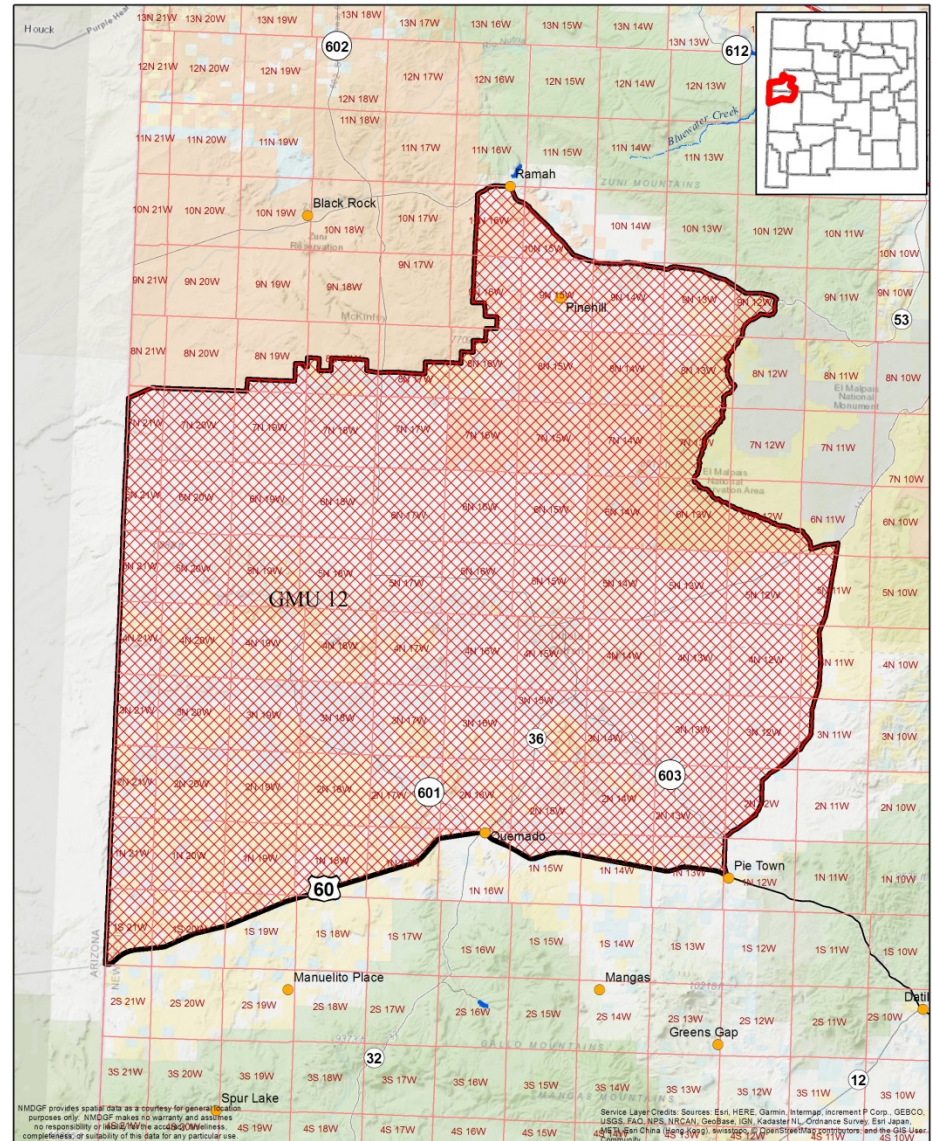
- **GMU 13 (Datil Herd):**
- COER: Extend boundary to NW (include Narrows area)
- **GMU 19 (White Sands Missile Range):**
- Create any-legal-weapon draw hunt of 3 ES licenses
- **GMUs 21A-B, 23, 24 (Lesser Gila Herd):** Stable to slightly increasing (42:100:38*)
- Create late season MB archery hunts of 15 licenses in GMUs 21A, 21B, 23
- COER: Extend 21B boundary south




GMU 12 Proposed COER Creation


• GMU 12 (Fence Lake Herd)

- Create COER boundary
- Quality designation
- 10% increase in licenses across all bag limits (MB/A/ES)
- Move APR hunt into draw



Core Occupied Elk Range (COER) Area
of Game Management Unit 12

 Proposed COER addition

 1 in = 10 miles



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SE Area

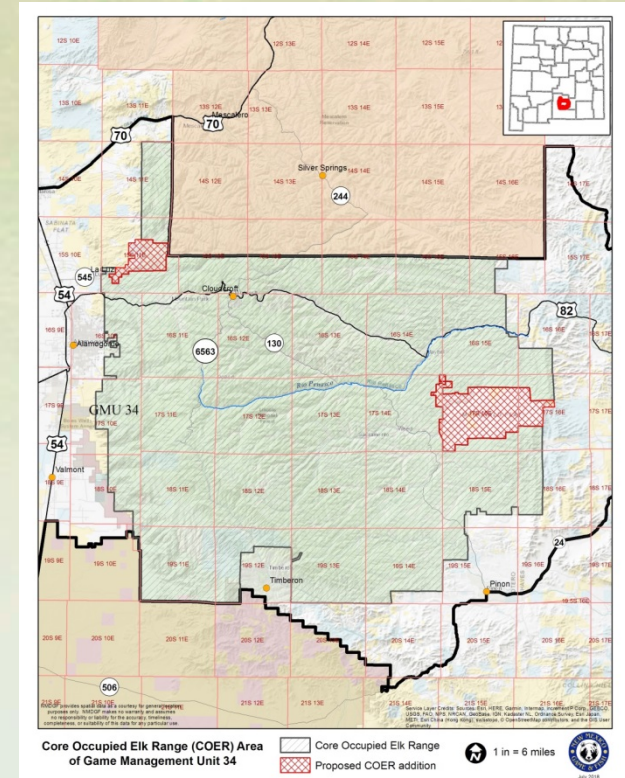
- **GMU 30:**
 - Create Oct. 1-5 hunt of 10 ES (any-legal-weapon) licenses

- **GMU 34 (Sacramento Herd):**
 - Increase draw A licenses to 3 hunts (350 licenses), maintain youth A licenses at 120
 - Change MB hunts to ES hunts
 - Change APR hunt to APR/A hunt and put in draw
 - COER: Expand boundary east and west

- **GMU 36 (Ruidoso Herd):**
 - Increase MB and ES licenses by 15%

- **GMU 37:**
 - Move 10 MB licenses to new Oct. 1-5 hunt
 - (any-legal-weapon)
 - Put late season bow APR hunt in the draw

- **GMU 38:**
 - Create Oct. 1-5 hunt of 10 ES (any-legal-weapon)

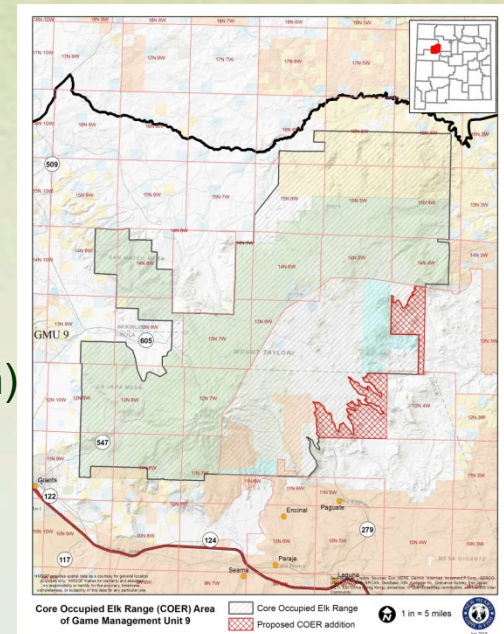


NE Area

- **Special management zone designation**
 - GMUs 46, 54, 55
- **GMU 42/47/59**
 - Combine units to create new ES hunts; 1 any-legal-weapon hunt Oct. 1-5 (5 licenses) and 2 archery hunts in Sept. (10 licenses each).
- **GMU 45 (Pecos Herd):**
 - No changes
- **GMU 48 (Whites Peak Herd):**
 - Move Dec. MB hunt to Oct.
- **GMU 55**
 - Valle Vidal: Separate YO and adult hunts
 - Colin Neblett: Combine north and south hunt zones
- **GMU 56 and 57/58**
 - Create new any-legal-weapon MB hunt Oct. 1-5 (5 licenses each)
- **GMU 53 (Ute-Midnite-San Cristobal Herd):**
 - No Changes

NW Area

- **GMU 2 (San Juan Herd):**
 - Remove from Quality designation
 - Create late season hunt in 2C (50 licenses)
- **GMUs 4, 5B, 50, 51, 52 (Northcentral Herd):**
 - GMU 4: Change bag limit on WMAs and private land from MB to MB/A
 - Create new A hunt of 15 licenses (any-legal-weapon) on Rio Chama WMA
 - Include Rio Chama as part of the Humphrees archery hunt.
- **GMUs 6A-C, 7 (Jemez Herd):**
 - GMU 6B: Eliminate MI hunt, increase youth hunts from 35 → 60
 - Change MB bag limit to ES
 - Increase ES bow hunts by 5 licenses each
- **GMU 9 (Mt. Taylor Herd):**
 - Eliminate all cow hunts
 - Reduce MB and ES licenses by 25%
 - COER: Expand to east to include elk winter range
- **GMU 14:**
 - Create Oct. 1-5 hunt of 10 ES licenses (any-legal-weapon)



Questions?



2017 Harvest Data



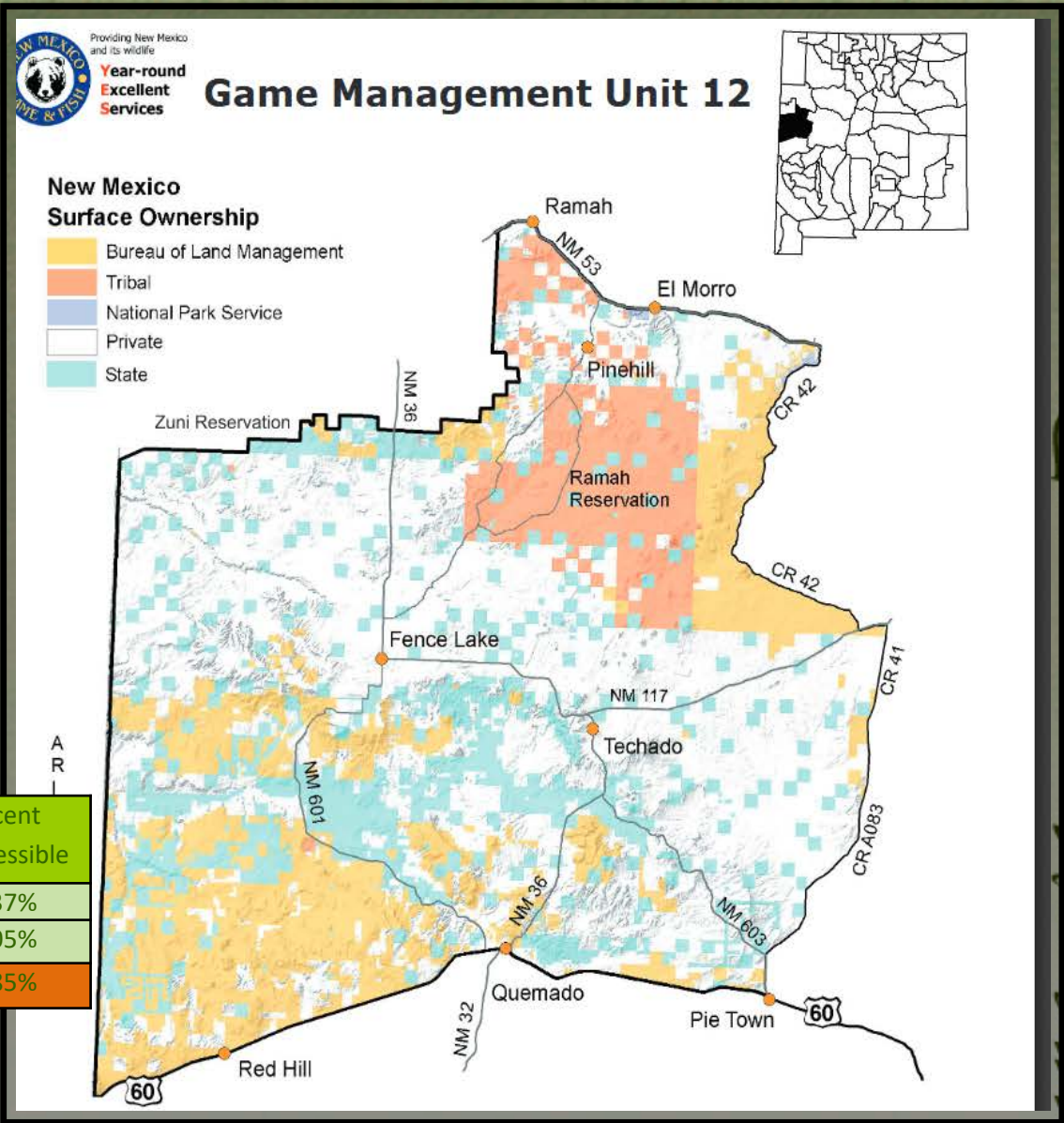
- Statewide 36,704 licenses sold/converted
81% of hunters reported 39% successful in harvesting
Estimated statewide harvest
 - Bulls = 8,367, Cows = 6,021
- Satisfaction rating = 3.66

Land Type Breakdown

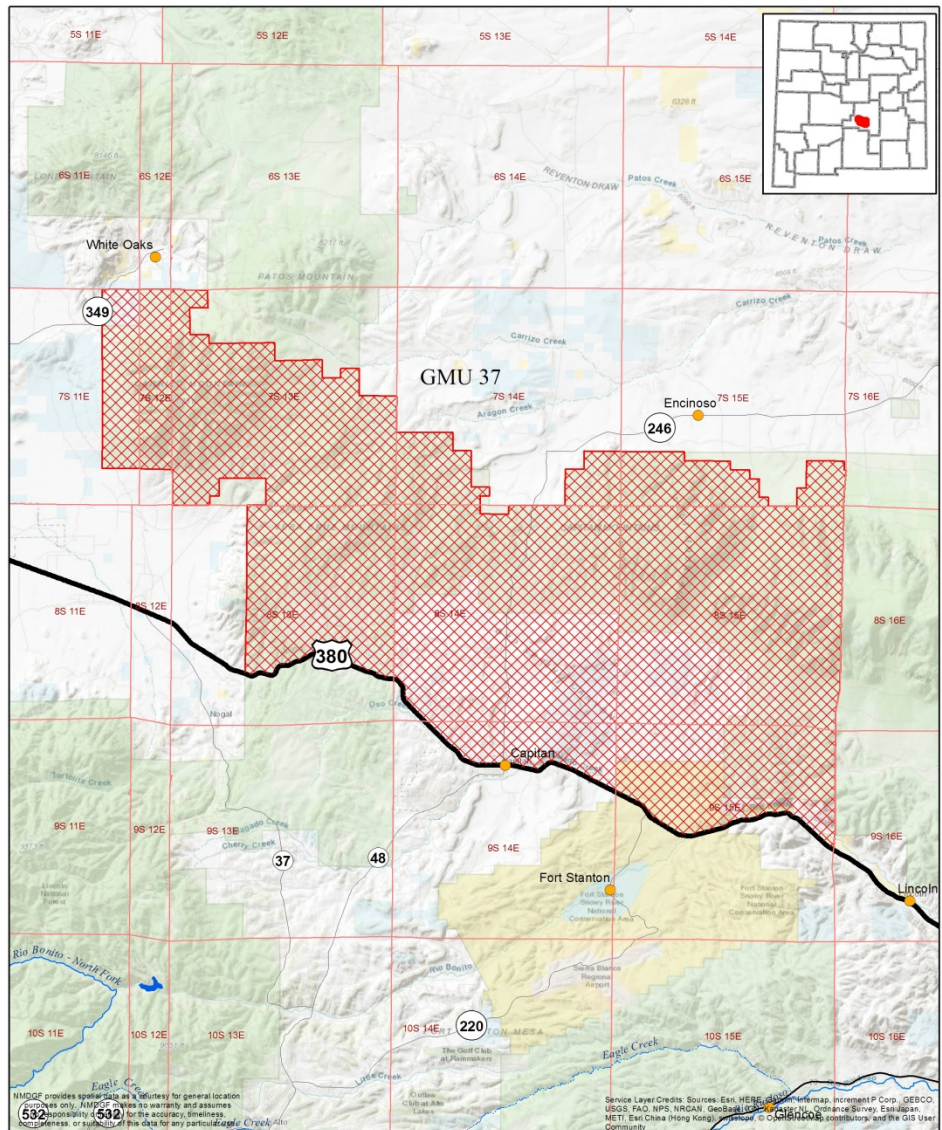
| Land Type | Acres | Percent |
|--------------|------------------|-------------|
| PRIVATE | 866,183 | 57% |
| PUBLIC | 647,187 | 43% |
| TOTAL | 1,513,370 | 100% |

Accessibility


| Owner | Access Questionable | Accessible by Public | Total | Percent Accessible |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| BLM | 12,638 | 336,193 | 348,831 | 96.37% |
| STATE | 59,518 | 238,838 | 298,356 | 80.05% |
| TOTAL | 72,156 | 575,031 | 647,187 | 88.85% |




GMU 37 Proposed COER Creation



Core Occupied Elk Range (COER) Area of Game Management Unit 37

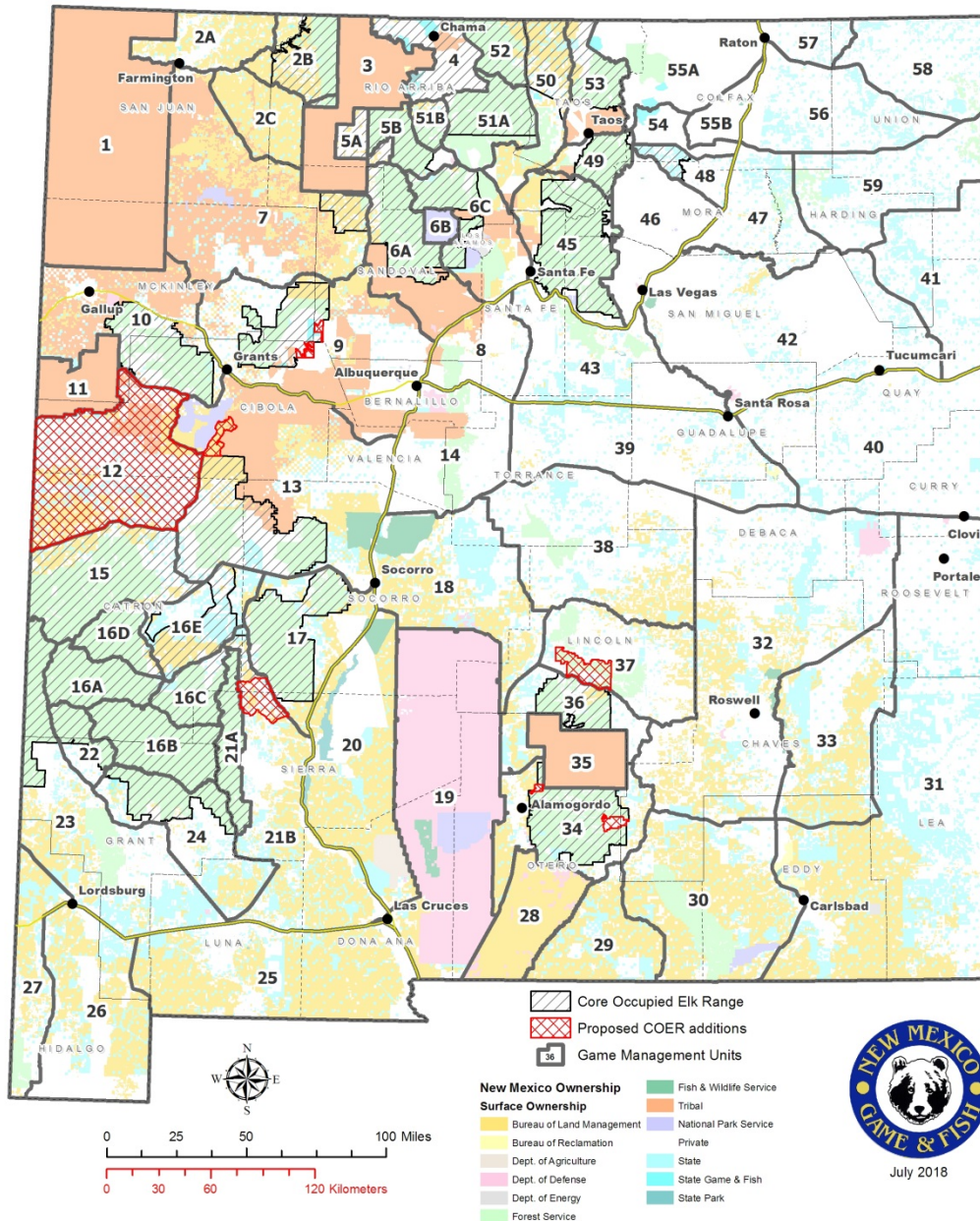
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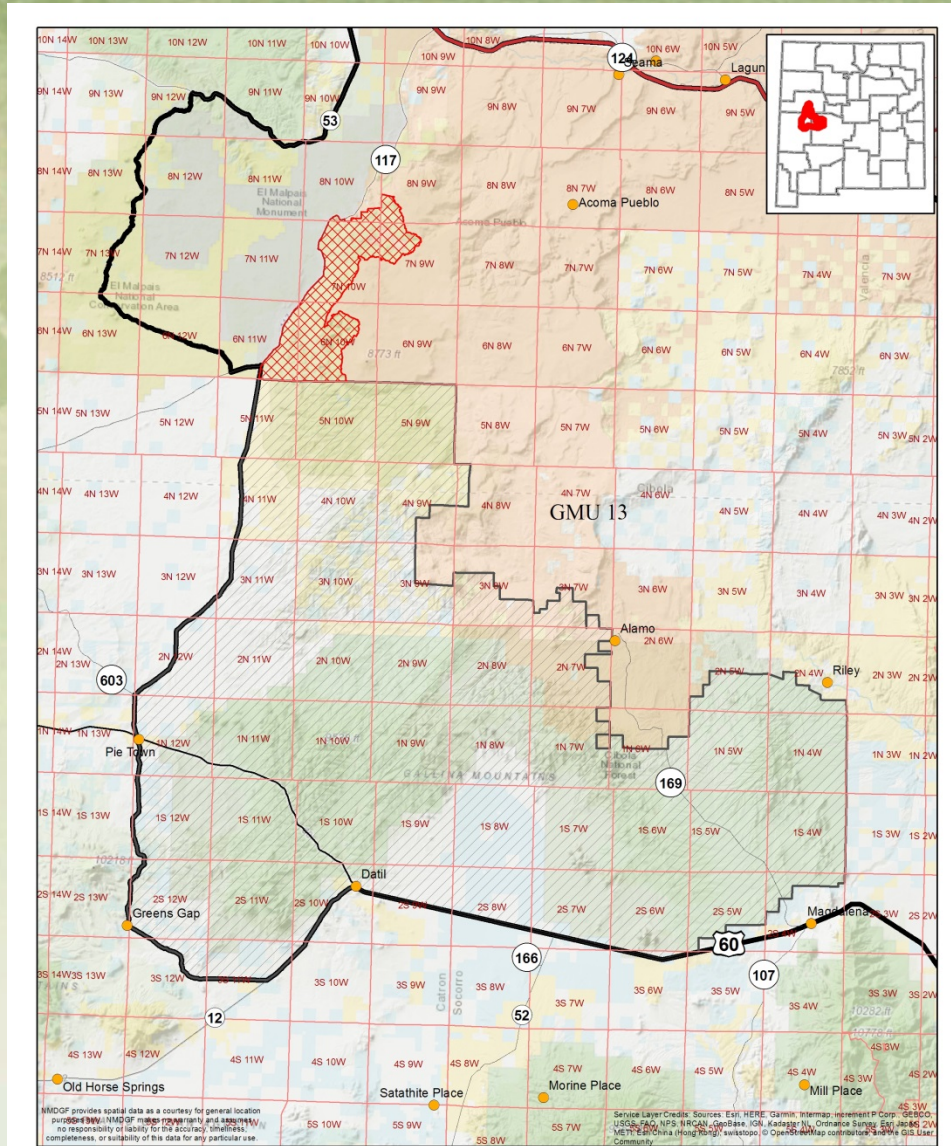
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New Mexico COER Areas & Proposed Additions






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GMU 13 Proposed COER Expansion



Core Occupied Elk Range (COER) Area of Game Management Unit 13

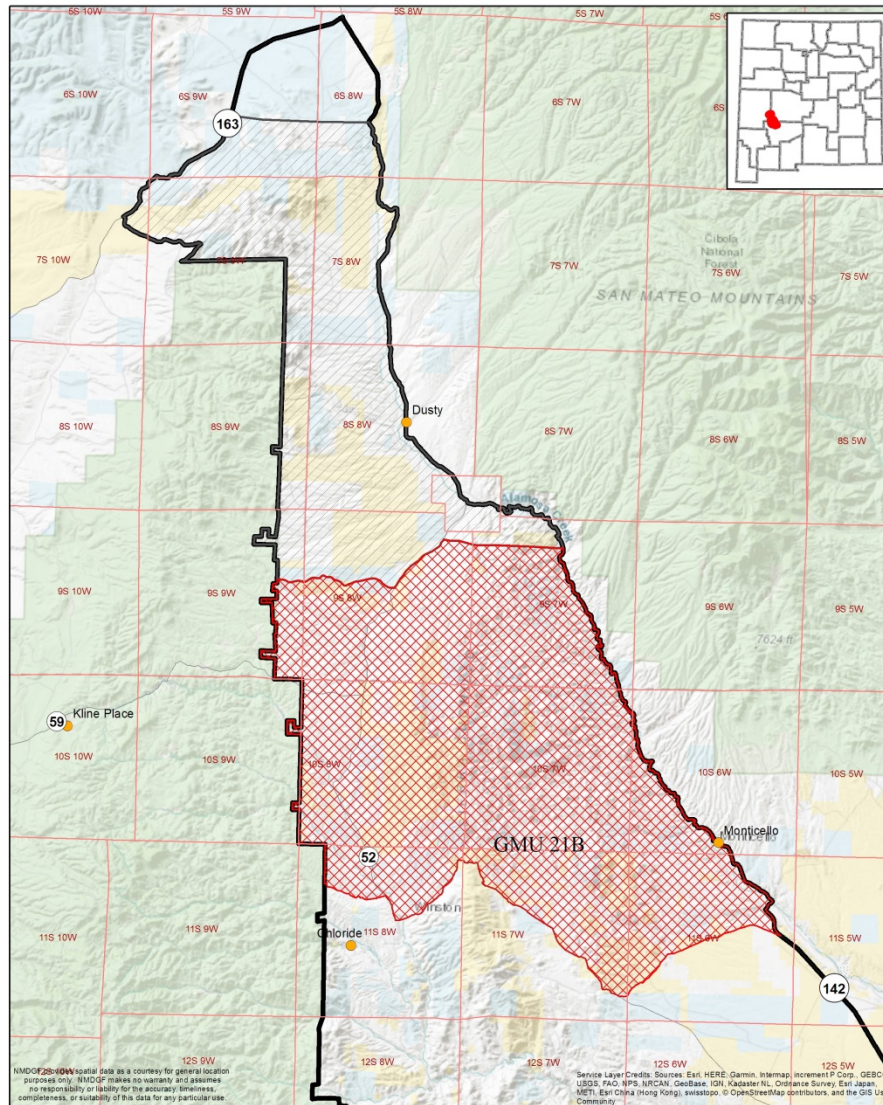
-  Core Occupied Elk Range
-  Proposed COER addition

 1 in = 9 miles






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GMU 21B Proposed COER Expansion



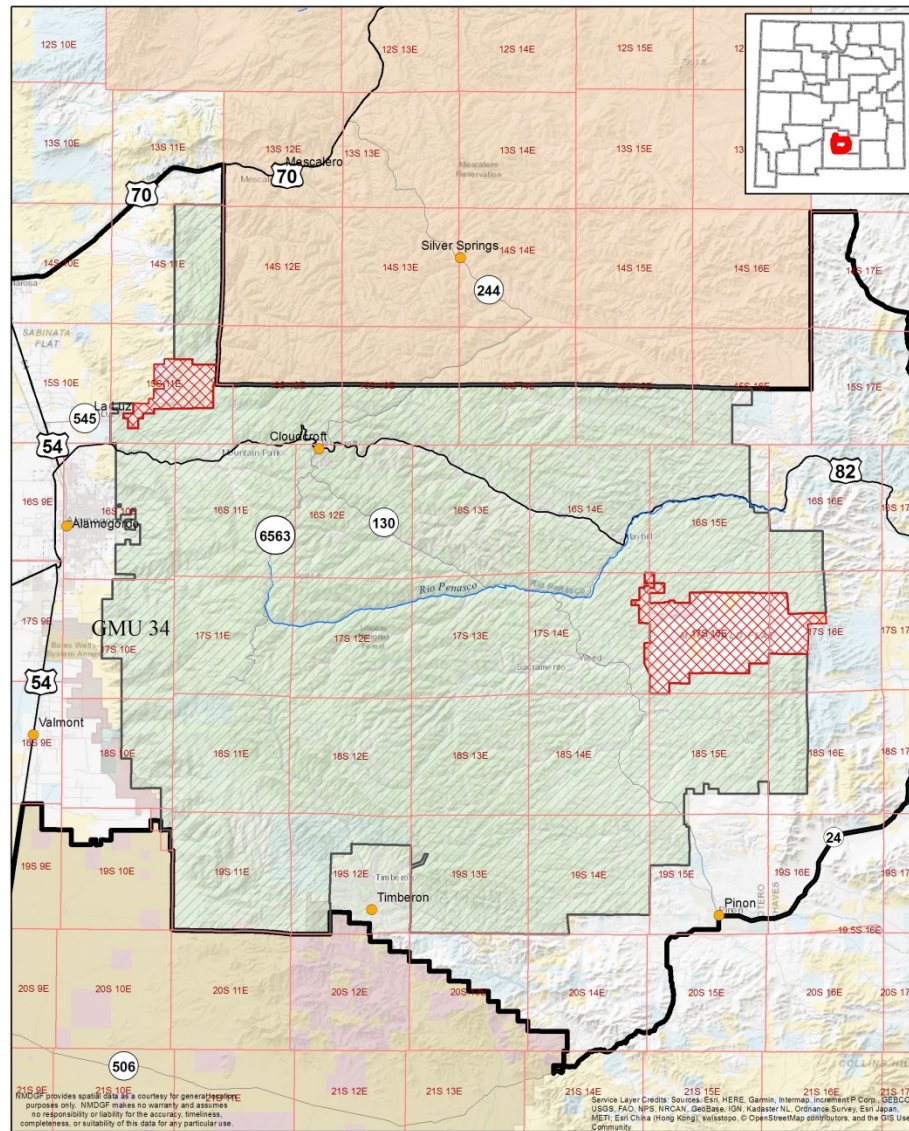
Core Occupied Elk Range (COER) Area of Game Management Unit 21B

-  Core Occupied Elk Range
-  Proposed COER addition



 1 in = 4 miles




GMU 34 Proposed COER Expansion



Core Occupied Elk Range (COER) Area of Game Management Unit 34

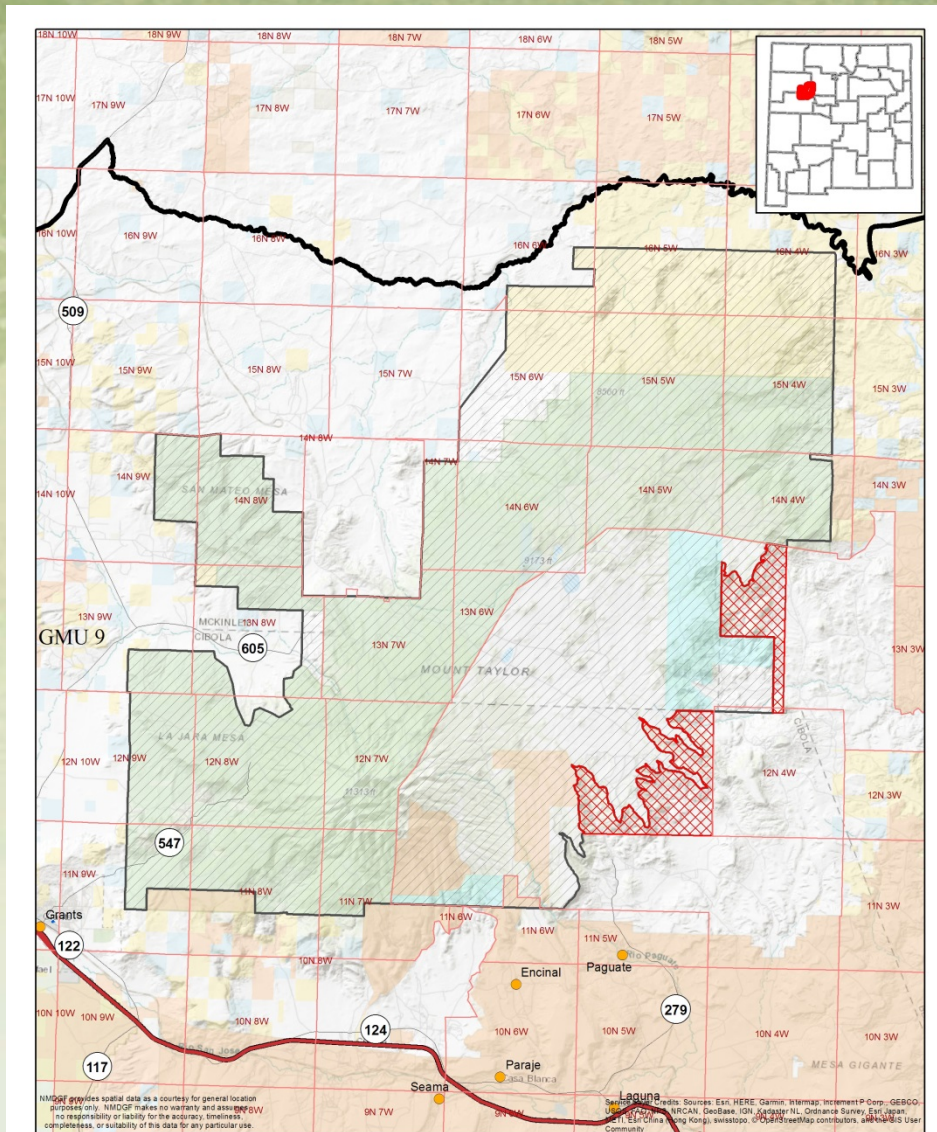
-  Core Occupied Elk Range
-  Proposed COER addition

 1 in = 6 miles






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GMU 9 Proposed COER Expansion



Core Occupied Elk Range (COER) Area of Game Management Unit 9

-  Core Occupied Elk Range
-  Proposed COER addition

 1 in = 5 miles



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NMDGF Elk Herd Units

