

Agenda Items 9B & 9C:

Game Bird Shooting Preserve Applications



Background

Regulated Shooting Preserve Act Sections 17-3-35 through 17-3-42, NMSA 1978

17-3-36 NMSA 1978

“The state game commission may issue licenses authorizing the establishment and operation of regulated propagated game bird shooting preserves on private lands when in the judgment of the commission such areas will not conflict with any reasonable prior interest.”



Background continued

Regulated Shooting Preserve Act Sections 17-3-37 NMSA 1978

"Game bird, as used in the Regulated Shooting Preserve Act [17-3-35 to 17-3-42 NMSA 1978], means pheasant, quail, chukar and mallards."



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Shooting Preserves - 19.35.3 NMAC

- *Allowed to purchase, possess and release only the specific species listed on license on the licensed property*
- *Hunters must still have a game hunting license to hunt*
- *Hunting methods allowed are the same as for all other game bird hunting*
- *Because the birds are stocked, not naturally reproducing or wild, there are no bag limits on the property for those species but every bird taken must be tagged with a shooting preserve tag in accordance with 19.35.3.13 NMAC*



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Game Bird Shooting Preserves

- *Hunting season dates are September 1 to March 31*
- *Birds may be released but not hunted prior to the season*
- *Property must be posted using signs which include:*
 - *“Regulated Shooting Preserve”*
 - *Name of preserve*
 - *Preserve license number*
 - *“Hunting by Permission Only”*
 - *Owners name and address*
- *Fences*
 - *“Where possible and reasonable, regulated shooting preserves should be fenced. Fences, if present, may be of any type and need not be constructed to confine birds.”*



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Game Bird Shooting Preserves

- *Licenses, once issued, expire on March 31 and must be renewed annually*
- *Preserves are inspected annually*
- *Preserves must provide an annual report to the department*



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Game Bird Shooting Preserves

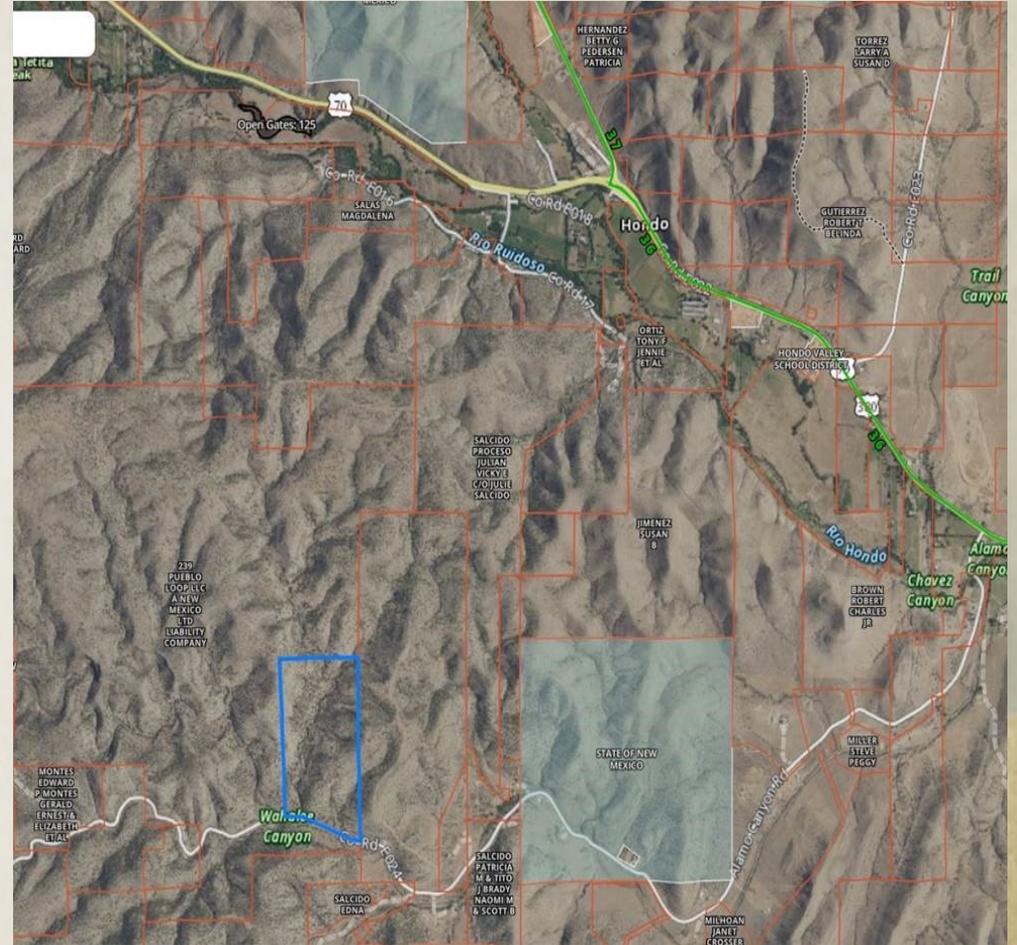
- There are currently 15 active shooting preserves licensed in 7 different counties across the state
- They range in size from 227 acres to 11,520 acres



Agenda Item 9B: Ron Carroll Shooting Preserve

(Property outlined in blue)

- ❖ 160 acres
- ❖ Located in GMU 36, Lincoln County, New Mexico, approximately 2 miles southwest of Hondo, NM
- ❖ Application is for chukar only
- ❖ NMDGF staff verified ownership of the property through property deeds and maps provided by the applicant
- ❖ NMDGF completed an on-sight inspection of the property on October 14, 2021.



Ron Carroll Shooting Preserve

- ❖ *Property has suitable habitat to hold chukar*
- ❖ *Property is fenced*
- ❖ *There are no safety concerns or conflicts with neighboring properties*
- ❖ *Propagated birds are not anticipated to become established in this area*



Questions?

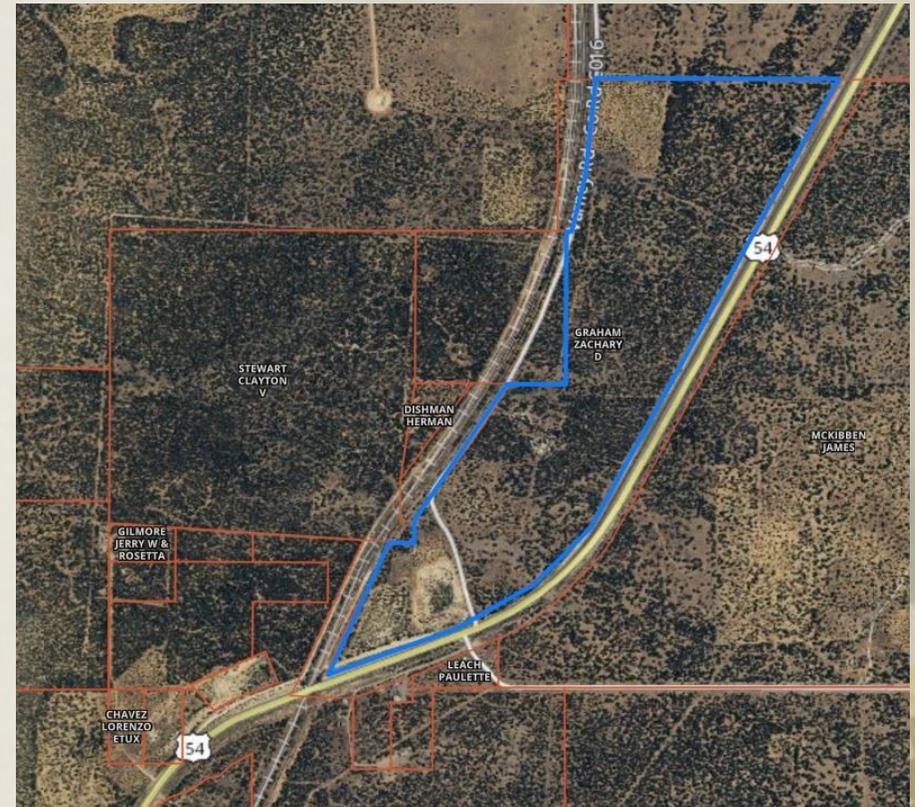




Agenda Item 9C: Zachary Graham Shooting Preserve

(Property outlined in blue)

- ❖ 176 acres
- ❖ Located in GMU 38, Torrance County, New Mexico, approximately 3.5 miles north of Corona, NM
- ❖ Application is for pheasant, chukar and quail (bobwhite and Gambel's)
- ❖ NMDGF staff verified ownership of the property through property deeds and maps provided by the applicant
- ❖ NMDGF completed an on-sight inspection of the property on August 6th, 2021.



Zachary Graham Shooting Preserve

- ❖ *The property has suitable habitat to hold pheasant, chukar, bobwhite quail, and Gamble's quail*
- ❖ *Property is fenced*
- ❖ *There are no safety concerns or conflicts with neighboring properties*
- ❖ *Propagated birds are not anticipated to become established in this area*



Questions?



