

# AGENDA ITEM

NM State Game Commission Meeting: Farmington, NM  
October 27th, 2023

## “Pheasant Phever” SHOOTING PRESERVE APPLICATION

OWNER: Berry Ranch, Landon Berry



Presented by: Matt Anthony, Captain NE Area

# Authority

- **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. The commission shall govern and prescribe by regulation the following:



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- **NMAC Title 19, Chapter 35 (captive wildlife uses), Part 3**
- A. The minimum and maximum size of the areas, including the type of fences and signs, **currently min 30 Acres.**
- B. The method of hunting, **all legal means allowed.**
- C. The open and closed seasons, which need not conform to the regular hunting seasons, **from Sept.1 until March 31; during legal hunting hours.**
- D. The releasing, possession and use of legally propagated pen-raised game birds on the preserves, **Currently Pheasant, Chukar and Mallards.**
- E. The fee for the licenses, which shall be just and reasonable, **200 dollars.**

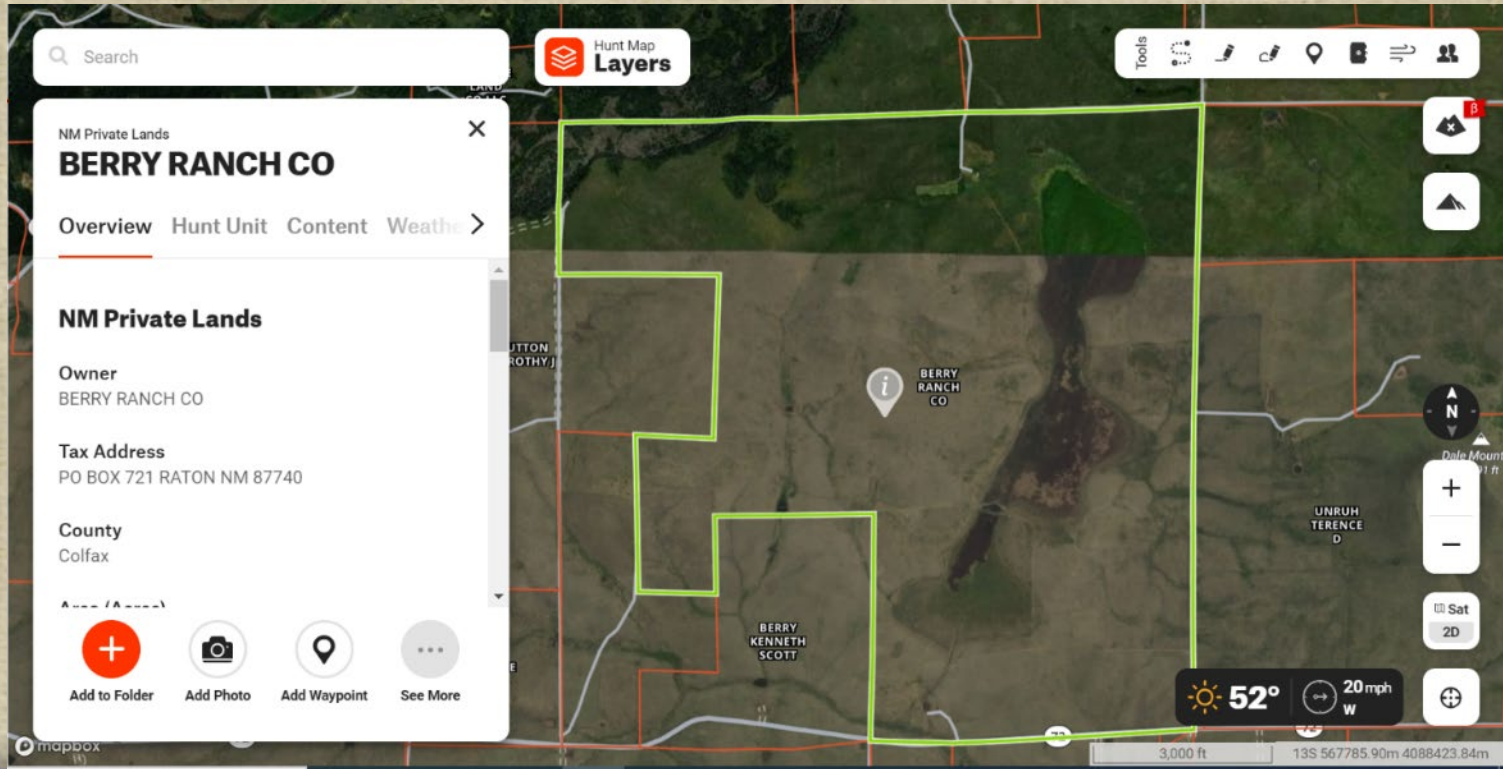


# Location

- 12 Miles East of Raton, NM.
- North of State Hwy 72.
- Colfax County
- Preserve is 157 Acres located within approx. 2000 contiguous deeded acres owned by the Berry family.



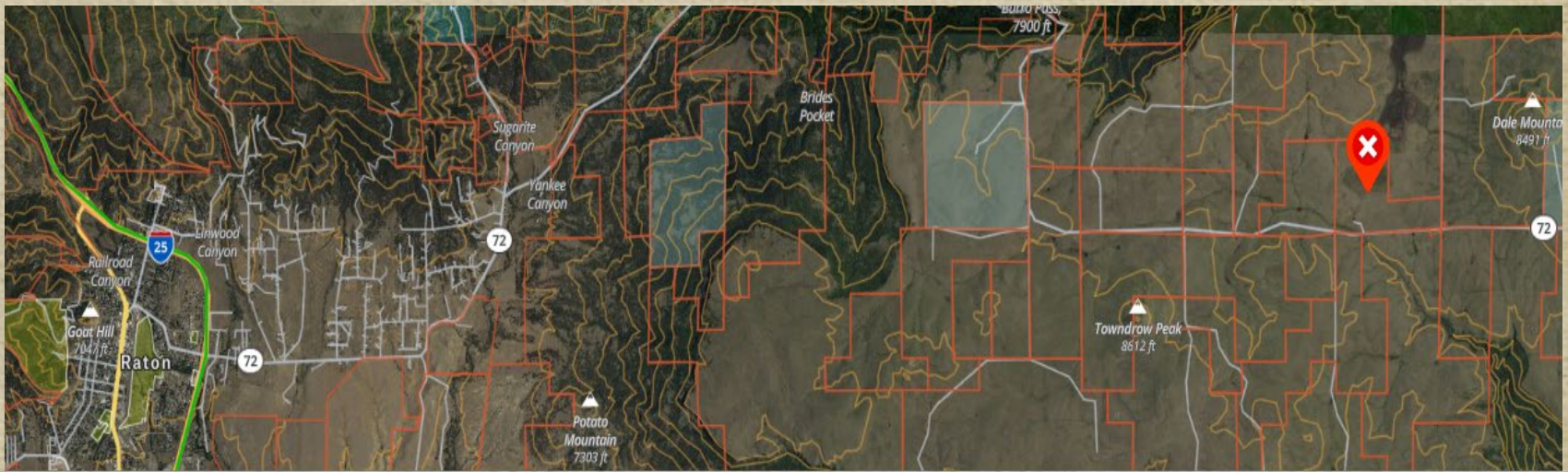
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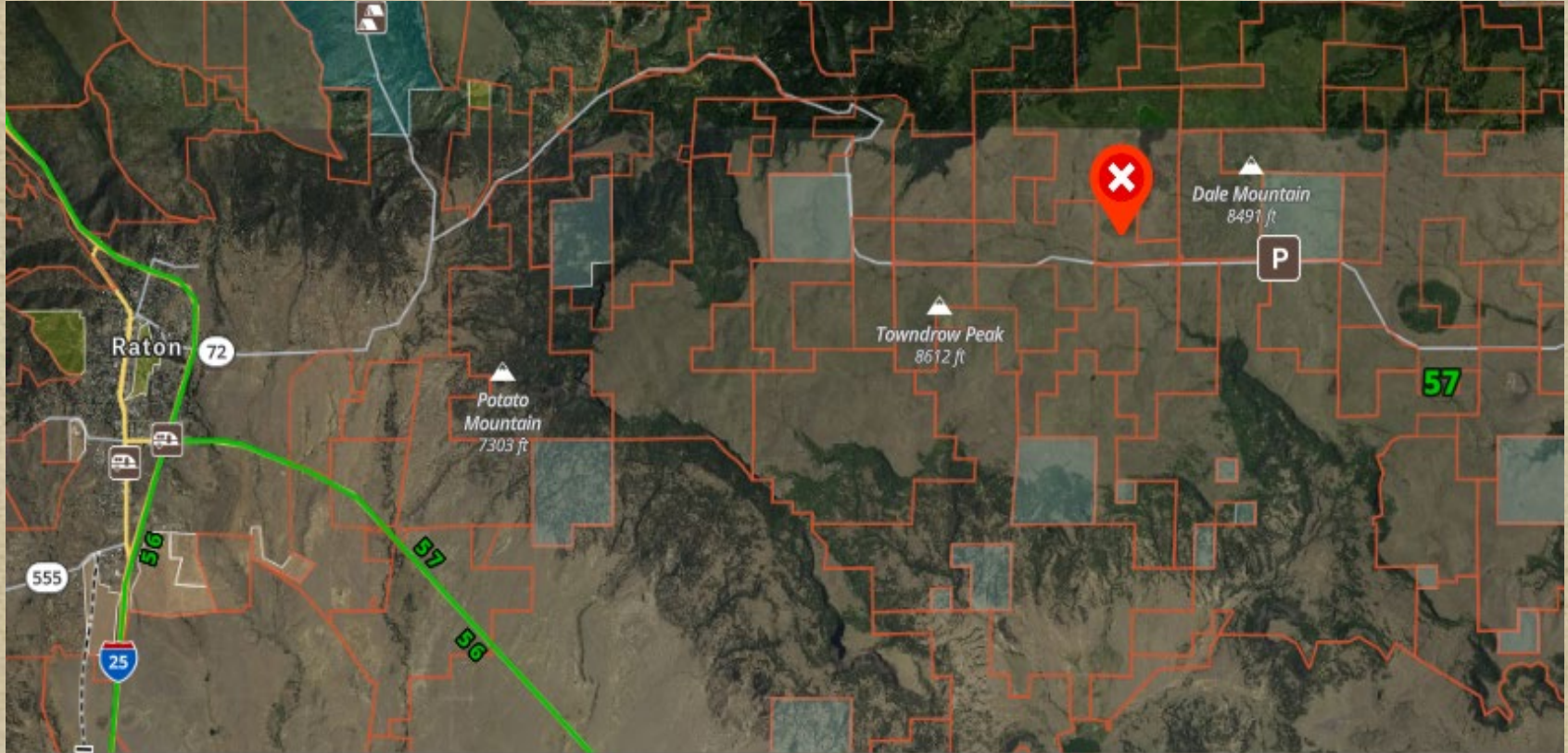
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# Proposed Shooting Preserve



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- Permit will be to allow for propagation or possession of up to:
  - 500 Pheasants
  - 500 Chukars





# Pheasants and Chukars



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- Conservation officers have inspected and found the property to be in suitable temporary holding habitat for propagated game birds (Pheasant)(Chukar).
- The proposed release area will consist of approximately 157 acres of grassland.



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# Department Recommendation

- Based on inspections on the property and contacts with the applicant, NMDGF knows of no conflicts or objections by neighboring property owners to the shooting preserve.
- We know of no possible conflicts with reasonable prior interests as the operation is entirely on deeded land.



Questions?



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