

COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA BRIEFING

Meeting Date: August 9, 2024 Agenda Number: 11

Presenter: Darrell Cole Corroborator:

Agenda Title: Trout Stalker Ranch Shooting Preserve Application

1. Summary of Agenda Item

Under 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. Trout Stalker Ranch has applied for such a shooting preserve.

2. Background Information

Conservation officers and biologists have inspected and found the property to be suitable temporary holding habitat for propagated game birds (pheasant).

The proposed release area will consist of approximately 600 acres of grassland, canyons, and river bottom.

This permit, if approved, would allow for the propagation/possession of up to 200 pheasants annually.

3. Strategic Plan References and Possible Impacts of Agenda Item

This shooting preserve, if approved, would provide increased hunter opportunity in the area.

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.

4. Considerations Regarding Duplications and/or Conflicts with Existing Rules or Statutes

Commission authority is established in 17-3-36 and no conflict is known to exist in rules or statutes.

5. Description and Summary of Public Involvement Process and Results

The legislature adopted this law (17-3-36) in 1957 and went through several House and Senate committees.

6. Suggested Motion

The Department respectfully suggests the following motion unless Commission discretion indicates a different course of action:

“Move to approve a shooting preserve on 600 acres of the Trout Stalker Ranch property located in Rio Arriba County, as presented by the Department.”

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Meeting Date: August 9, 2024 Agenda Number: 11

Presenter: Ty Jackson Corroborator:

Agenda Title: Three Sisters Ranch Shooting Preserve Application

1. Summary of Agenda Item

Under 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. Three Sisters Ranch has applied for such a shooting preserve.

2. Background Information

Conservation officers and biologists have inspected and found the property to be suitable temporary holding habitat for propagated game birds (pheasant and bobwhite quail).

The proposed release area will consist of approximately 1,787 acres of grassland and canyons.

This permit, if approved, would allow for the propagation/possession of up to 300 pheasants and up to 300 bobwhite quail annually.

3. Strategic Plan References and Possible Impacts of Agenda Item

This shooting preserve, if approved, would provide increased hunter opportunity in the area.

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.

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Commission authority is established in 17-3-36 and no conflict is known to exist in rules or statutes.

5. Description and Summary of Public Involvement Process and Results

The legislature adopted this law (17-3-36) in 1957 and went through several House and Senate committees.

6. Suggested Motion

The Department respectfully suggests the following motion unless Commission discretion indicates a different course of action:

“Move to approve a shooting preserve on 1,787 acres of the Three Sisters Ranch property located in Mora and Harding Counties, as presented by the Department.”