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# AGENDA ITEM #8

NM State Game Commission Meeting: Albuquerque, NM  
March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## Huckabay SHOOTING PRESERVE APPLICATION

OWNER: Rickey Huckabay

Presented by: Tim Cimbal, Colonel Field Operations



# 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:



- **Minimum size is 30 acres. Maximum acreage cannot exceed the contiguous deeded acres owned by the applicant.**
- **Hunters must use the same legal methods as all small game hunters.**
- **Special season is from Sept.1 until March 31; during legal hunting hours.**
  - **Regular pheasant season is Dec 10-13**
  - **Regular quail season is Nov 15 to Feb 15**
- **Shooting preserves may release legally propagated pheasant, chukar, and quail on the property at any time but cannot hunt outside of the shooting preserve season.**
- **Fee for the shooting preserve permit is \$200 annually.**



# Huckabay Shooting Preserve

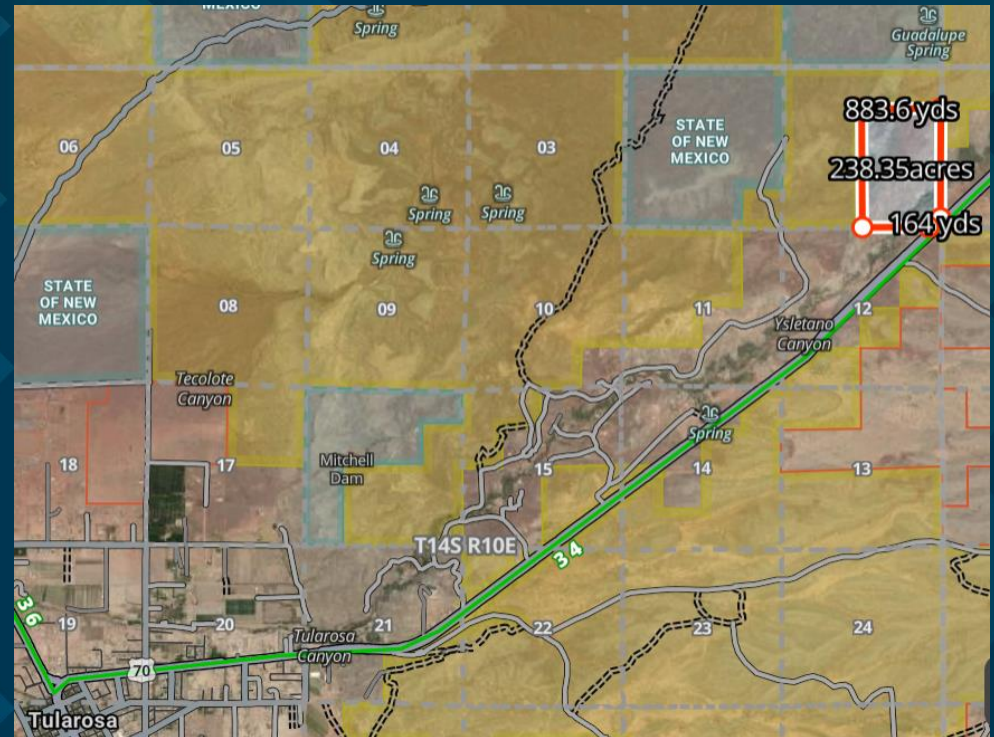
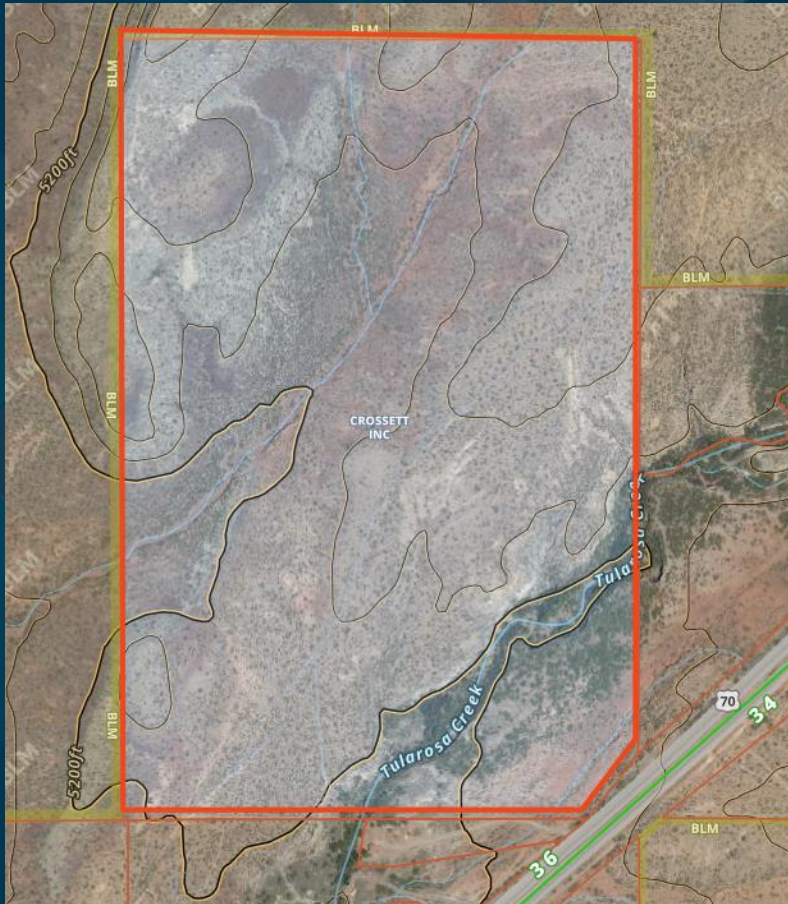
- **Location**

- 23465 Hwy 70, approximately 6 miles east of Tularosa, NM.
- Otero County
- GMU 34

**240 Contiguous Deeded Acres**



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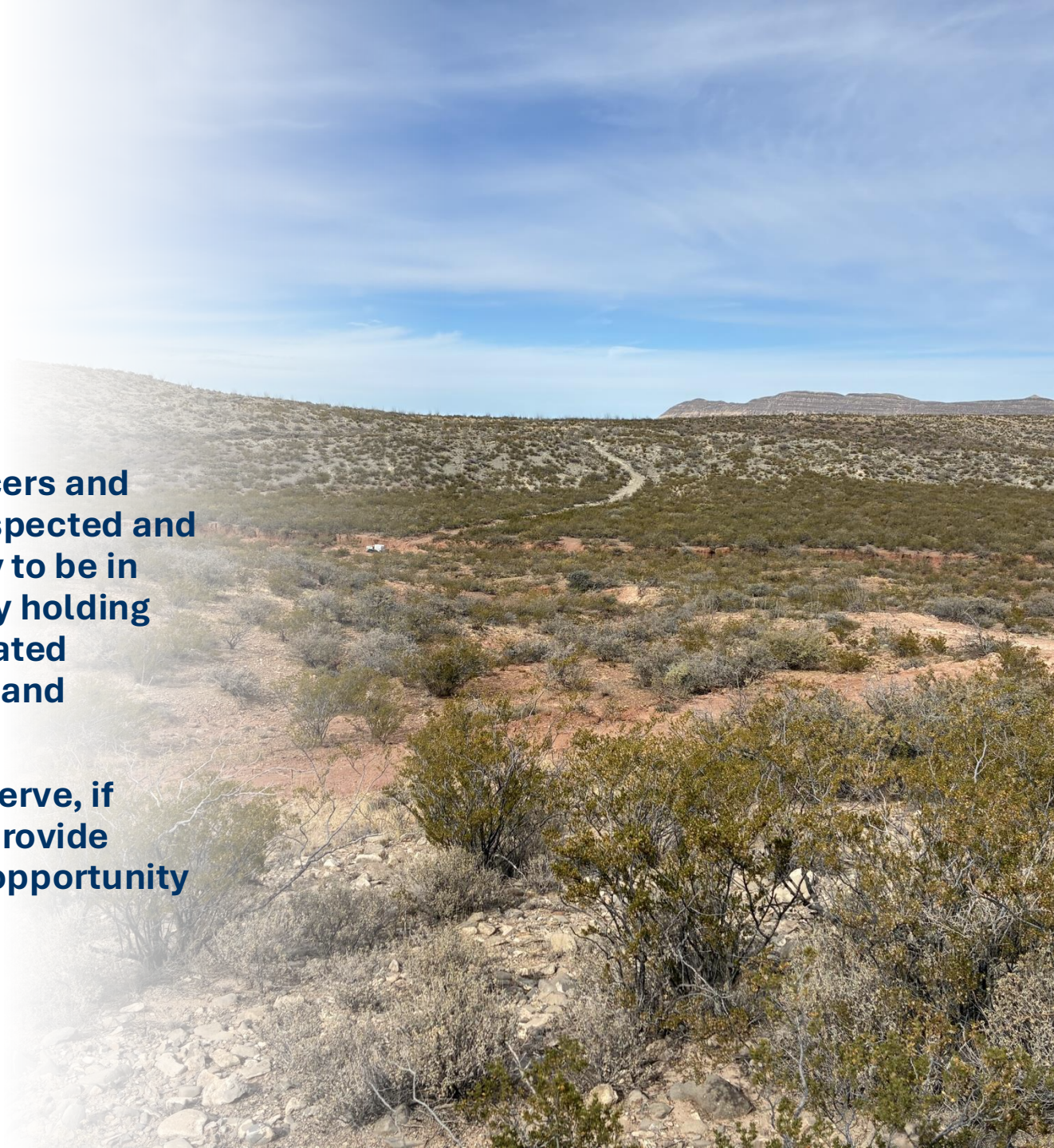
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- Permit will allow for the release of up to:
  - 100 Pheasants
  - 500 Chukars
  - 1000 Bobwhite Quail



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- **Conservation officers and biologists have inspected and found the property to be in suitable temporary holding habitat for propagated pheasant, chukar, and bobwhite quail.**
- **This shooting preserve, if approved, would provide increased hunter opportunity in the area.**



# Department Recommendation

- **Based on inspections on the property and contacts with the applicant, NMDOW knows of a few concerns from neighboring properties. Neighboring properties have concerns regarding domestic animals being affected by the discharging of firearms. There was also concern about pollution into the Tularosa Creek from the discharging of ammunition**
- **We know of no possible conflicts with reasonable prior interests as the operation is entirely on deeded land.**



**Questions?**

