

STATE GAME COMMISSION MEETING AND RULE MAKING NOTICE

The New Mexico State Game Commission ("Commission") has scheduled a regular meeting and rule hearing for Thursday, June 21, 2018, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the Raton Convention Center, 901 S 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Raton, NM 87740, to hear and consider action as appropriate on the following: Presentation of proposed changes to the Turkey rule.

**Synopsis:**

The proposal is to adopt a new Turkey rule, 19.31.16 NMAC, which will become effective April 1, 2019. The current Turkey rule is set to expire on March 31, 2019.

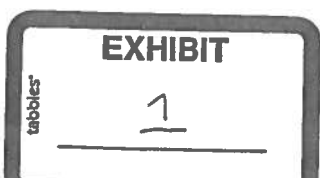
The proposed new rule will include adjusting youth season dates so select hunts will coincide with weekends. Date changes will only be made to special seasons including the Youth-Only Over-the-Counter hunt, and the WS Huey WMA Youth-Only draw hunts. We propose opening additional units for fall hunting to include Game Management Units 2B (excluding Carson National Forest) 5A, 39, 51 and 52, and Bluebird Mesa Wildlife Management Area, and for spring hunting to include Game Management Unit 33 and Bluebird Mesa Wildlife Management Area. Additionally, we propose adding an additional draw hunt for youth in GMU 30 on Washington Ranch. A full text of changes will be available on the Department's website at: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us).

Interested persons may submit comments on the proposed changes to the Turkey rule at [DGI-Gamebird@state.nm.us](mailto:DGI-Gamebird@state.nm.us); or individuals may submit written comments to the physical address below. Comments are due by 5:00 p.m. on June 20, 2018. The final proposed rule will be voted on by the Commission during a public meeting on June 21, 2018. Interested persons may also provide data, views or arguments, orally or in writing, at the public rule hearing to be held on June 21, 2018.

Full copies of text of the proposed new rule, technical information related to proposed rule changes, and the agenda can be obtained from the Office of the Director, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, 1 Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87507, or from the Department's website at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us/commission/proposals-under-consideration](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/commission/proposals-under-consideration). This agenda is subject to change up to 72 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact the Director's Office at (505) 476-8000, or the Department's website at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) for updated information.

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Legal authority for this rulemaking can be found in the General Powers and Duties of the State Game Commission 17-1-14, et seq. NMSA 1978; Commission's Power to establish rules and regulations 17-1-26, et seq. NMSA 1978.



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On Thursday, June 21, 2018, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the Raton Convention Center, 901 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Raton, New Mexico, the State Game Commission will meet in public session to hear and consider action as appropriate on the following: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2020 Capital Outlay Request; Revocations; Update on the Construction of Albuquerque and Roswell Office Complexes; Initial Discussion for Potential Rule Changes on the Game and Fish Licenses/Permits Rule-19.30.9 NMAC; Initial Discussion for Potential Rule Changes on the Hunting and Fishing Licenses Application Rule-19.31.3 NMAC; Completed Habitat Related Projects Throughout the State for the past Four Years; Initial Discussion for Potential Rule Changes on the Deer Rule-19.31.13 NMAC for the 2019-2023 Seasons; Initial Discussion for Potential Rule Changes on the Elk Rule-19.31.14 NMAC for the 2019-2023 Seasons; Initial Discussion for Potential Rule Changes on the Private Land Elk License Allocation System Rule-19.30.5 NMAC; Initial Discussion for Potential Rule Changes on the Hunting and Fishing Manner and Method Rule-19.31.10 NMAC; Proposed Regulations to Define Terms and Phrases and Amend and add Enforcement Mechanisms and Penalties Under Criminal Trespass; Rule Making Hearing on Final Rule Changes on the Turkey Rule-19.31.16 NMAC for the 2019-2023 Hunting Seasons; Rule Making Hearing on Final Rule Changes on the Migratory Bird Rule-19.31.6 NMAC for the 2018-2019 Hunting Seasons; General Public Comments; and Closed Executive Session.

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## Clean Copy-Initial Proposed Rule

**TITLE 19 NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**  
**CHAPTER 31 HUNTING AND FISHING**  
**PART 16 TURKEY**

**19.31.16.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico department of game and fish.  
[19.31.16.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.1 NMAC, 4-1-19]

**19.31.16.2 SCOPE:** Sportspersons interested in turkey management and hunting. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978, and Title 19 NMAC.  
[19.31.16.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.2 NMAC, 4-1-19]

**19.31.16.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Sections 17-1-14, 17-1-26, 17-3-16.4, and 17-3-16.5 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.  
[19.31.16.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.3 NMAC, 4-1-19]

**19.31.16.4 DURATION:** April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2023.  
[19.31.16.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.4 NMAC, 4-1-19]

**19.31.16.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2019, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[19.31.16.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.5 NMAC, 4-1-19]

**19.31.16.6 OBJECTIVE:** Establishing open hunting seasons, rules and procedures governing the distribution and issuance of turkey permits and licenses by the department.  
[19.31.16.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.6 NMAC, 4-1-19]

**19.31.16.7 DEFINITIONS:**

- A. "Bearded turkey" shall mean a turkey with a visible beard.
- B. "Bearded Gould's turkey" shall mean a turkey with a visible beard of the species *meleagris gallopavo mexicana*.
- C. "Department" shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- D. "Director" shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- E. "Entry permit" shall entitle the holder of a valid turkey license to hunt areas otherwise closed to turkey hunting.
- F. "Game management unit" or "GMU" shall mean those areas as described in state game commission rule 19.30.4 NMAC Boundary Descriptions for Game Management Units.
- G. "Gould's turkey permit" as used herein, shall mean a document issued by the department that authorizes the holder to participate in the activity as specified on the permit.
- H. "Wildlife management areas" or "WMAs" shall mean those areas as described in rule 19.34.5 NMAC, Wildlife Management Areas.  
[19.31.16.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.7 NMAC, 4-1-19]

**19.31.16.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES, PERMITS, AND AUTHORIZATIONS:** The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairperson or their designee, may adjust the number of licenses, permits, or authorizations, for turkey up or down by no more than twenty percent to address significant changes in population levels or habitat availability. This adjustment may be applied to any or all of the entry hunt codes for turkey.  
[19.31.16.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.8 NMAC, 4-1-19]

**19.31.16.9 TURKEY HUNTING SEASONS:** The 2019-20 through 2022-23 hunting seasons shall be as indicated below, listing the GMUs or areas open, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt codes, legal sporting arms, number of permits, and bag limits. All WMAs, except as listed in Subsection A of 19.31.16.9 NMAC, are open to both spring and fall over-the-counter turkey hunting if the GMU where they are located is open to turkey hunting or unless specifically closed in rule or are restricted to entry permit holders as listed in Subsection B of 19.31.16.9 NMAC.

A. **Over-the-counter hunts:** All over-the-counter turkey licenses shall be valid for any legal sporting arms, except turkey hunting in the Sandia ranger district portion of GMU 14 and Sugarite canyon state park in GMU 57 are restricted to bow and crossbow only. The number of licenses for these hunts shall be unlimited.

(1) **Spring seasons:**

open GMUs or areas	hunt dates	bag limit
Statewide except the following GMUs or areas are closed to over-the-counter turkey hunting: GMU: 2A areas east of NM 550 and north of NM 173, 2B areas in the Carson national forest, 2C areas in the Carson national forest, 6B, 8, 19, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31 Bernardo WMA, Bill Evans WMA, Double E WMA, Jackson lake WMA, La Joya WMA, Lake Roberts WMA, Marquez WMA, Prairie Chicken WMAs, Red Rock WMA, River ranch WMA, Valle Vidal, W.S. Huey WMA	4/15-5/10	2 turkeys with visible beards
Statewide except as listed above, youth only	4/12-14/2019 4/10-12/2020 4/9-11/2021 4/8-10/2022	2 turkeys with visible beards

(2) **Fall seasons:**

open GMUs or areas	hunt dates	bag limit
Statewide except the following GMUs or areas are closed to over the counter turkey hunting: GMU: 2A areas east of NM 550 and north of NM 173, 2B areas in the Carson national forest, 2C areas in the Carson national forest, 6B, 8, 14, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 33, 38, 43, 49, 50, 53 Bernardo WMA, Bill Evans WMA, Double E WMA, Edward Sargent WMA, Jackson lake WMA, La Joya WMA, Lake Roberts WMA, Marquez WMA, Prairie Chicken WMAs, Red Rock WMA, Rio Chama WMA, River ranch WMA, Sugarite canyon state park, Valle Vidal, W.A. Humphries WMA, W.S. Huey WMA	bow only: 9/1-30  any legal sporting arms: 11/1-30	any 1 turkey

B. **Entry permit hunts:** All entry permits shall be valid for any legal sporting arms except turkey hunting in the Sandia ranger district portion of GMU 8. An entry permit authorizes the holder to hunt in the area, for the bag limit, and for the season dates listed on the permit. In addition, holders of a turkey entry permit may hunt in any open over-the-counter area during the spring season for a second turkey (if applicable) or if unsuccessful in their entry hunt area. In no circumstance may any turkey hunter take or attempt to take more than 2 bearded turkeys during the spring season, except the holder of a Gould's turkey enhancement permit as described in 19.31.16.11 NMAC. Holders of an entry hunt permit must also purchase a turkey hunting license prior to hunting. The maximum number of permits is listed below.

open GMUs or areas	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates	hunt code	permits	bag limit
2B (Carson national forest) 2C (Carson national forest)	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	TUR-1-100	115	1 turkey with visible beard
2B (Carson national forest) 2C (Carson national forest), youth only	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	TUR-1-101	50	1 turkey with visible beard
2A (areas east of NM 550 and north of NM 173), youth only	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	TUR-1-102	5	1 turkey with visible beard
6B the Valles Caldera national preserve	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	TUR-1-103	20	1 turkey with visible

							beard
8 (bow and crossbow only in Sandia ranger district)	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	TUR-1-104	15	2 turkeys with visible beard
9 Marquez WMA	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	TUR-1-105	5	2 turkeys with visible beard
30 Washington Ranch (private land), youth only	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TUR-1-106	up to 10	1 turkey with visible beard
33 W.S. Huey WMA, youth only	4/12-4/14	4/10-4/12	4/9-4/11	4/8-4/10	TUR-1-107	up to 4	1 turkey with visible beard
33 W.S. Huey WMA, youth only	4/19-4/21	4/17-4/19	4/16-4/18	4/15-4/17	TUR-1-108	up to 4	1 turkey with visible beard
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	TUR-1-109	20	1 turkey with visible beard

[19.31.16.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.12 NMAC, 4-1-19]

**19.31.16.10 TURKEY POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS:**

A. The director or their designee may authorize population management hunts for turkey when justified in writing by department personnel.

B. The director or their designee shall designate the sporting arms, season dates, season lengths, bag limits, hunt boundaries, specific requirements or restrictions, and number of licenses to be issued.

C. In the event that an applicant is not able to hunt on the dates specified, the applicant's name shall be moved to the bottom of the list and another applicant may be contacted for the hunt.

D. In those instances where a population management hunt is warranted on deeded private lands, the landowner may suggest eligible hunters of their choice by submitting a list of prospective hunter's names to the department for licensing consideration. No more than one-half of the total number of licenses authorized shall be available to landowner-identified hunters. The balance of prospective hunters shall be identified by the department.

[19.31.16.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.13 NMAC, 4-1-19]

**19.31.16.11 GOULD'S TURKEY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM:**

A. The director of the department shall collect all proceeds generated through the auction or lottery or both, of not more than two special Gould's turkey enhancement permits annually. These monies shall be deposited into the game protection fund and made available for expenditure by the department to be used exclusively for activities, projects, and programs aimed at the restoration and management of Gould's turkeys and Gould's turkey habitat.

B. Requirements for issuance, sale and use of Gould's turkey enhancement permits:

(1) Issuance: The director of the department may issue up to two Gould's turkey enhancement permits annually. Prior to permit issuance each year, the director must document that the prospective harvest of up to two bearded Gould's turkeys will not jeopardize the prospects for survival and recruitment of Gould's turkeys in New Mexico or conflict with the Wildlife Conservation Act, 17-2-37 NMSA 1978.

(2) Sale:

(a) The auction or lottery or both may be conducted by an incorporated non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of wildlife, in cooperation with and overseen by the department.

(b) Selection of an organization to administer the auction or lottery or both of the Gould's turkey enhancement permits shall be pursuant to procurement code regulations described in 1.4.1.31 NMAC.

(3) Use:

(a) The successful purchaser(s) will be allotted an authorization for a Gould's turkey enhancement permit, which may be transferred through sale, barter, donation, or gift to other individuals qualified to purchase a license and hunt. Once an authorization is converted to a permit, the permit will be non-transferable.

(b) Individuals hunting pursuant to a Gould's turkey enhancement permit must purchase and have in their possession a valid turkey hunting license and any other stamps, tags, or permits required by rule.

(c) Unless their hunting privileges have been revoked pursuant to law, any resident of New Mexico, nonresident, or alien is eligible to bid on and purchase a Gould's turkey enhancement permit.

(d) Individuals holding a Gould's turkey enhancement permit shall not be prohibited from hunting other species of turkeys in New Mexico as allowed in 19.31.16 NMAC.

(e) The bag limit for each permit shall be one bearded Gould's turkey.

(f) The season dates for each permit shall be no more than 30 consecutive days between April 1 and May 31 as specified by the permit each license year.

(g) The harvest of one bearded Gould's turkey shall not count against the license holder's spring turkey bag limit.

(h) The hunt area for each permit shall be any legally accessible public lands in GMU 27 where hunting is allowed and private land with written permission.

(i) All manner and method restrictions and requirements set forth in 19.31.10 NMAC shall apply to individuals hunting turkey pursuant to Gould's turkey enhancement permits. [19.31.16.11 NMAC -Rp , 19.31.16.14 NMAC, 4-1-19]

#### **HISTORY OF 19.31.16 NMAC:**

**Pre-NMAC History:** The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the State Records Center and Archives under:

Regulation No. 482, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 5/31/67;

Regulation No. 487, Establishing 1967 Seasons On Javelina And Barbary Sheep, filed 12/15/67;

Regulation No. 489, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1968, filed 3/1/68;

Regulation No. 491, Establishing Big Game Seasons For 1968 For Jicarilla Reservation, filed 3/1/68;

Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/68;

Regulation No. 495, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 10/2/68;

Regulation No. 496, Establishing An Elk Season In The Tres Piedras Area, Elk Area P-6, filed 12/11/68;

Regulation No. 502, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1969, filed 3/5/69;

Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons For Bowhunting Only And Big Game Seasons For The Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 3/5/69;

Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/69;

Regulation No. 507, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 8/26/69;

Regulation No. 512, Establishing Turkey Season For The Spring Of 1970, filed 2/20/70;

Regulation No. 513, Establishing Deer Season For Bowhunting Only In Sandia State Game Refuge, filed 2/20/70;

Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/70;

Regulation No 520, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1971, filed 3/9/71;

Regulation No. 522, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/9/71;

Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/71;

Regulation No. 531, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/17/71;

Regulation No. 532, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1972, filed 3/20/72;

Regulation No. 534, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/20/72;

Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/72;

Regulation No. 542, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/1/72;

Regulation No. 545, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1973, filed 2/26/73;

Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 2/26/73;

Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, And Javelina, filed 5/31/73;

Regulation No. 554, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1974, filed 3/4/74;

Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/74;

Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex, filed 5/29/74;

Regulation No. 565, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1975, filed 3/24/75;

Regulation No. 567, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Deer, Bear, And Turkey On The Jicarilla Apache And Navajo Indian Reservations And On Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/24/75;

Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 6/25/75;

Regulation No. 573, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/76;

Regulation No. 583, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/11/77;

Regulation No. 590, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/15/78;

Regulation No. 596, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/79;

Regulation No. 603, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981, filed 2/22/80;

Regulation No. 609, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1981 through March 31, 1982, filed 3/17/81;

Regulation No. 614, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983, filed 3/10/82;

Regulation No. 622, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984, filed 3/9/83;

Regulation No. 628, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1984 through March 31, 1985, filed 4/2/84;

Regulation No. 634, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1985 Through March 31, 1986, filed 4/18/85;

Regulation No. 640, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1986 through March 31, 1987, filed 3/25/86;

Regulation No. 645, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1987 through March 31, 1988, filed 2/12/87;

Regulation No. 653, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1988 through March 31, 1989, filed 12/18/87;

Regulation No. 663, Establishing Opening Spring Turkey For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/28/89;

Regulation No. 664, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/20/89;

Regulation No. 674, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1990 through March 31, 1991, filed 11/21/89;

Regulation No. 683, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1991 through March 31, 1992, filed 2/8/91;

Regulation No. 689, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993, filed 3/4/92;

Regulation No. 700, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1993 through March 31, 1995, filed 3/11/93.

**History of Repealed Material:**

- 19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game, filed 3-1-2001 - duration expired 3-31-2003.
- 19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 3-3-2003 - duration expired 3-31-2005.
- 19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 12-15-2004 - duration expired 3-31-2007.
- 19.31.16 NMAC, Turkey, filed 12-1-2006 - duration expired 3-31-2009.
- 19.31.16 NMAC, Turkey, filed 2-26-2009 - duration expired 3-31-2011.
- 19.31.16 NMAC, Turkey, filed 9-15-2010 - duration expired 3-31-2015.
- 19.31.16 NMAC, Turkey, filed 3-17-2015, repealed 3-31-2016.
- 19.31.16 NMAC, Turkey, filed 2-29-2016, duration expired 3-31-2019.



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[19.31.16.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.4 NMAC,]

**19.31.16.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2016 2019, unless a later date is cited at the end of an individual a section.  
[19.31.16.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.5 NMAC,]

**19.31.16.6 OBJECTIVE:** Establishing open hunting seasons and regulation, rules, and procedures governing the distribution and issuance of turkey permits and licenses by the department.  
[19.31.16.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.6 NMAC,]

**19.31.16.7 DEFINITIONS:**

**A.** ~~“Arrows” shall mean only those arrows or bolts having broadheads with steel cutting edges.~~

**B.** ~~“Baiting” shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of any salt, grain, scent or other feed on or over areas where hunters are attempting to take turkey.~~

**CA.** ~~“Bearded turkey” shall mean a turkey with a visible beard.~~

**D.** ~~“Crossbow” shall mean a device with a bow limb or band of flexible material that is attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights on crossbows shall not project light nor magnify.~~

**J.B.** ~~“Bearded Gould’s turkey” shall mean a turkey with a visible beard of the species *meleagris gallopavo mexicana*.~~

**EC.** ~~“Department” shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.~~

**FD.** ~~“Director” shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.~~

**GE.** ~~“Entry permit” shall entitle the holder of a valid official turkey license to hunt areas otherwise closed to turkey hunting where hunter numbers are limited by rule.~~

**HF.** ~~“Game management unit” or “GMU” shall mean those areas as described in state game commission rule 19.30.4 NMAC Boundary Descriptions for Game Management Units.~~

**IG.** ~~“Gould’s turkey permit” as used herein, shall mean a document issued by the department that authorizes the holder to participate in the activity as specified on the permit.~~

**J.** ~~“Bearded Gould’s turkey” shall mean a turkey with a visible beard of the species *meleagris gallopavo mexicana*.~~

**K.** ~~“License year” shall mean the period from April 1 through March 31.~~

**L.** ~~“Modern shotguns” shall mean center-fire shotguns. Legal shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.~~

**M.** ~~“Muzzle-loading shotguns” shall mean those shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex® or equivalent black powder substitute may be used. Use of smokeless powder is prohibited. Legal muzzle-loader shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.~~

**N.** ~~“Non-toxic shot” shall mean shot approved for use by the U.S. fish and wildlife service.~~

~~O. "Turkey license" shall mean a valid official document that is issued or approved by the director that each person hunting turkey in New Mexico must have or obtain prior to hunting.~~

~~P. "Unlimited" shall mean there is no set limit on the number of permits or licenses established for the described hunt areas.~~

~~QH. "Wildlife management areas" or "WMAs" shall mean those areas as described in the state game commission's rule 19.34.5 NMAC, Wildlife Management Areas.  
[19.31.16.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.7 NMAC,]~~

**19.31.16.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES, PERMITS, AND AUTHORIZATIONS AND HARVEST LIMITS:** The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairman ~~person~~ or ~~his~~ ~~their~~ designee, may adjust the number of licenses, permits, ~~or~~ authorizations, ~~for turkey or harvest limits,~~ up or down by no more than twenty percent to address significant changes in population levels or habitat availability. This adjustment may be applied to any or all of the entry hunt codes for turkey.  
[19.31.16.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.8 NMAC,]

**19.31.16.9 TURKEY LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

~~A. License limitations: A hunter is limited to purchasing only one license in the fall and one in the spring during a license year, unless otherwise allowed by rule.~~

~~B. Validity of license or permit: All turkey entry permits or licenses shall be valid only for the specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by the hunt code printed on the permit or license. Over the counter licenses shall be valid only for the specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by rule or regulation.~~

~~C. Youth only (YO) hunts: It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a youth only (YO) turkey permit or hunt during the over the counter youth only (YO) hunts except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.  
[19.31.16.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.9 NMAC, 4-1-16]~~

**19.31.16.10 TURKEY MANNER AND METHOD REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

~~A. Season and hours: Turkey may be hunted or taken only during open seasons and only during the period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.~~

~~B. Bag limit: It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt for or take more than the number and type of turkey during the current license year as specified by the hunt code printed on the permit or license unless otherwise provided by regulation.~~

~~C. Seizure: Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce game laws and regulations shall seize the carcasses of turkey(s) that are improperly notched.~~

~~D. Proof of sex: It shall be unlawful for anyone to transport or possess the carcass of a turkey without proof of sex. When the required bag limit is a bearded turkey, the beard and a small patch of feathers surrounding the beard shall remain with the same turkey carcass until arriving at a residence, taxidermist, meat processing place, or place of final storage.~~

~~E. Use of dogs in hunting: It shall be unlawful to use dogs to hunt turkey.~~

~~F. Use of baits: It shall be unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any turkey by baiting.~~

~~G. Live animals: It shall be unlawful to use live animals as a blind or decoy in taking or attempting to take any turkey.~~

~~H. Use of calling devices: It shall be unlawful to use any electrically or mechanically recorded calling device in taking or attempting to take any turkey.~~

~~I. Killing out of season: It shall be unlawful to kill any turkey out of turkey hunting season.~~

~~J. Roost shooting: It shall be unlawful to shoot a turkey while it is located in a tree or structure used for resting.~~

~~K. Legal weapon types for turkey are as follows: shotguns firing shot, including muzzle-loading shotguns; bows and arrows; and crossbows and bolts.~~

~~L. Non-toxic shot use is required on all state game commission owned lands.~~

~~M. Areas closed to hunting turkey: The following areas shall remain closed to hunting turkey, except as permitted by regulation: Sugarite canyon state park; Orilla Verde and Wild Rivers recreation areas, including the Taos valley overlook; all wildlife management areas except Humphries, Rio Chama, and Sargent WMAs; the Valle Vidal area; and Rattlesnake canyon in sub unit 2A.  
[19.31.16.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.10 NMAC, 4-1-16]~~

**19.31.16.11 CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) REPORTING INCENTIVE:** The director may annually allow up to two turkey authorizations to be issued by drawing for deer and elk hunters submitting their legally harvested animal for CWD testing. Authorization certificates awarded pursuant to this rule may be transferred through sale, barter, or gift. Turkey incentive hunts shall be valid only for Unit 2, the Sargent WMA in Unit 4 and the Valle Vidal area.  
~~{19.31.16.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.11 NMAC,}~~

**19.31.16.129 TURKEY HUNTS HUNTING SEASONS: (2015-2016 through 2018-2019 hunting seasons):** The 2019-20 through 2022-23 hunting seasons shall be as indicated below, listing the GMUs or areas open, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt codes, legal sporting arms, number of permits, and bag limits. All WMAs, except as listed in Subsection A of 19.31.16.9 NMAC, are open to both spring and fall over-the-counter turkey hunting if the GMU where they are located is open to turkey hunting or unless specifically closed in rule or are restricted to entry permit holders as listed in Subsection B of 19.31.16.9 NMAC.

**A. Over-the-counter hunts:** All over-the-counter turkey licenses shall be valid for any legal firearms, sporting arms, except turkey hunting in the Sandia ranger district portion of GMU 14 and Sugarite canyon state park in GMU 57 are restricted to bow and crossbow only, including shotguns and muzzle-loading shotguns firing shot, bows, and crossbows, shall be as indicated below, listing the GMUs and areas open, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, and bag limits. The number of licenses for these hunts shall be unlimited.

**(1) Spring seasons:**

open GMUs or areas	hunt dates	bag limit
2A (except areas east of NM 550 and north of NM 173), 2C (except areas east of Largo canyon), 4 (including WMAs), 5, 6A, 6C, 7, 9 (including Water canyon WMA, and Marquez WMA by draw permit only), 10, 12, 13, 14 (bows only in Sandia ranger district), 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 29, 32, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 54 (including Colin Neblett WMA), 55 (Colin Neblett and E.S. Barker WMAs, and Valle Vidal by permit only), 56, 57 (archery only in Sugarite canyon state park), 58, 59.	4/15-5/40	2 turkeys with visible beards
all GMUs open for over the counter turkey. <del>(N)</del>	4/10-12/2015 4/8-10/2016 4/7-9/2017 4/13-15/2018	2 turkeys with visible beards

**(2) Fall seasons:**

open GMUs or areas	hunt dates	bag limit
2A (except areas east of NM 550 and north of NM 173), 2C (except areas east of Largo canyon), 5B, 6A, 6C, 7, 9 (including Water canyon WMA, but not Marquez WMA), 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 29, 32, 34, 36, 37, 40, 41, 42, 45, 46, 47, 48, 54 (including Colin Neblett WMA), 55 (including Colin Neblett WMA, but excluding the E. S. Barker and Urraca WMAs and Valle Vidal), 56, 57 (except Sugarite canyon state park), 58 and 59.	archery only: 9/1-30 any legal weapon: 11/1-30	any 1 turkey

open GMUs or areas	hunt dates	bag limit
Statewide except the following GMUs or areas are closed to over-the-counter turkey hunting: GMU: 2A areas east of NM 550 and north of NM 173, 2B areas in the Carson national forest, 2C areas in the Carson national forest, 6B, 8, 19, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31 Bernardo WMA, Bill Evans WMA, Double E WMA, Jackson lake WMA, La Joya WMA, Lake Roberts WMA, Marquez WMA, Prairie Chicken WMAs, Red Rock WMA, River ranch WMA, Valle Vidal, W.S. Huey WMA	4/15-5/10	2 turkeys with visible beards
Statewide except as listed above, youth only	4/12-14/2019 4/10-12/2020 4/9-11/2021 4/8-10/2022	2 turkeys with visible beards

**(2) Fall seasons:**

open GMUs or areas	hunt dates	bag limit
Statewide except the following GMUs or areas are closed to over the counter turkey hunting: GMU: 2A areas east of NM 550 and north of NM 173, 2B areas in the Carson national forest, 2C areas in the Carson national forest, 6B, 8, 14, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 33, 38, 43, 49, 50, 53 Bernardo WMA, Bill Evans WMA, Double E WMA, Edward Sargent WMA, Jackson lake WMA, La Joya WMA, Lake Roberts WMA, Marquez WMA, Prairie Chicken WMAs, Red Rock WMA, Rio Chama WMA, River ranch WMA, Sugarite canyon state park, Valle Vidal, W.A. Humphries WMA, W.S. Huey WMA	bow only: 9/1-30  any legal sporting arms: 11/1-30	any 1 turkey

**B. Entry-hunts Entry permit hunts:** All entry permits shall be valid for any legal firearms, sporting arms, except turkey hunting in the Sandia ranger district portion of GMU 8. ~~for any legal firearms, including shotguns and muzzle-loading shotguns firing shot, bows, and crossbows, shall be as indicated below, listing the GMUs and areas open, eligibility requirements, hunt dates, hunt codes.~~ An entry permit authorizes the holder to hunt in the area, for the bag limit, and for the season dates listed on the permit. In addition, holders of a turkey entry permit may hunt in any open over-the-counter area during the spring season for a second turkey (if applicable) or if unsuccessful in their entry hunt area. In no circumstance may any turkey hunter take or attempt to take more than 2 bearded turkeys during the spring season, except the holder of a Gould's turkey enhancement permit as described in 19.31.16.11 NMAC. Holders of an entry hunt permit must also purchase a turkey hunting license prior to hunting. The maximum number of permits is listed below. ~~maximum number of licenses and bag limits.~~ Youth hunters must provide hunter education certificate number or their mentored youth number on their application.

(1) ~~Regular season entry-hunts (April 15 through May 10) annually, limited to one turkey with a visible beard except GMU 9 Marquez WMA has a limit of two turkeys with visible beards:~~

Open GMUs or areas	hunt code	permits
2 (except areas east of NM 550 to the pine river and north of NM 173 including Rattlesnake Canyon)	TUR-1-100	115
2 (except areas east of NM 550 to the pine river and north of NM 173 including Rattlesnake Canyon), YO	TUR-1-101	50
2A-Rattlesnake canyon areas east of NM 550 to the pine river and north of NM 173 (licenses also valid in GMU 2 and in any other open GMU during the spring season) (YO)	TUR-1-102	5
8 (bows only in Sandia ranger district)	TUR-1-103	10
9- Marquez WMA	TUR-1-104	5

(2) Entry hunts for the Valle Caldera National Preserve, WS Huey WMA and Valle Vidal/Greenwood areas, limited to one turkey with a visible beard:

open GMUs or areas	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt codes	permits
33- WS Huey WMA, YO	4/9-10	4/8-9	4/14-15	TUR-1-105	TBD
33- WS Huey WMA, YO	4/16-17	4/15-16	4/21-22	TUR-1-106	TBD
55- Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	TUR-1-112	20
6B, the Valle Caldera National Preserve	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	TUR-1-113	20

Open GMUs or areas	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates	hunt code	permits	bag limit
2B (Carson national forest) 2C (Carson national forest)	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	TUR-1-100	115	1 turkey with visible beard
2B (Carson national forest) 2C (Carson national forest), youth only	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	TUR-1-101	50	1 turkey with visible beard
2A (areas east of	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	TUR-1-102	5	1 turkey

NM 550 and north of NM 173), youth only								with visible beard
6B the Valles Caldera national preserve	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	TUR-1-103	20		1 turkey with visible beard
8 (bow and crossbow only in Sandia ranger district)	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	TUR-1-104	15		2 turkeys with visible beard
9 Marquez WMA	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	TUR-1-105	5		2 turkeys with visible beard
30 Washington Ranch (private land), youth only	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TUR-1-106	up to 10		1 turkey with visible beard
33W.S. Huey WMA, youth only	4/12-4/14	4/10-4/12	4/9-4/11	4/8-4/10	TUR-1-107	up to 4		1 turkey with visible beard
33 W.S. Huey WMA, youth only	4/19-4/21	4/17-4/19	4/16-4/18	4/15-4/17	TUR-1-108	up to 4		1 turkey with visible beard
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	TUR-1-109	20		1 turkey with visible beard

[19.31.16.429 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.12 NMAC.]

**19.31.16.4310 TURKEY POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS:**

**A.** The director or his~~his~~their designee may authorize population management hunts for turkey when justified in writing by department personnel.

**B.** The director or his~~his~~their designee shall designate the sporting arms, season dates, season lengths, bag limits, hunt boundaries, specific requirements or restrictions, and number of licenses or permits to be issued.

~~C. The specific hunt dates, hunt area, and other pertinent hunt information shall be printed on the license or permit.~~

~~D. Applications must be submitted by the deadline date set by the department.~~

~~E. Applications for permits may be rejected, and fees returned to an applicant, if such applications are not on the proper form or do not supply adequate information.~~

**FC.** In the event that an applicant is not able to hunt on the dates specified, the applicant's name shall be moved to the bottom of the list and another applicant may be contacted for the hunt.

~~G. No more than one person may apply under each application.~~

**H.** Population management hunts for turkey may be anywhere in the state with dates, number of permits, bag limit, and specific hunt areas to be determined by the department. The hunt code to apply for turkey population management hunts shall be TUR-5-100.

**ID.** In those instances where a population management hunt is warranted on deeded private lands, the landowner may suggest eligible hunters of their choice by submitting a list of prospective hunter's names to the department for licensing consideration. No more than one-half of the total number of licenses authorized shall be available to landowner-identified hunters. The balance of prospective hunters shall be identified by the department.

[19.31.16.4310 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.13 NMAC.]

**19.31.16.1411 GOULD'S TURKEY ENHANCEMENT PERMITS PROGRAM:**

~~A. Objective to establish and define the procedures and restrictions for the issuance, sale, and use of not more than two Gould's turkey enhancement permits.~~

**B.A. Gould's turkey habitat enhancement program:** The director of the department shall collect all proceeds generated through the auction or lottery or both, of not more than two special Gould's turkey enhancement permits annually. These monies shall be deposited into the game protection fund and made available for expenditure by the department to be used exclusively for activities, projects, and programs aimed at the restoration and management of Gould's turkeys and Gould's turkey habitat.

**C.B. Requirements for issuance, sale and use of Gould's turkey enhancement permits:**

(1) Issuance: The director of the department may issue up to two Gould's turkey enhancement permits annually. Prior to permit issuance each year, the director must document that the prospective harvest of up to two bearded Gould's turkeys will not jeopardize the prospects for survival and recruitment of Gould's turkeys in New Mexico or conflict with the Wildlife Conservation Act, 17-2-37 NMSA 1978.

(2) Sale:

~~(a) Upon fulfillment of the required annual documentation as described in Subsection A of 19.31.20.9 NMAC, the director shall issue up to two Gould's turkey enhancement permits, to be sold via auction or lottery or both.~~

~~(b)(a)~~ The auction or lottery or both may be conducted by an incorporated non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of wildlife, in cooperation with and overseen by the department.

~~(e)(b)~~ Selection of an organization to administer the auction or lottery or both of the Gould's turkey enhancement permits shall be pursuant to procurement code regulations described in 1.4.1.31 NMAC.

(3) Use:

~~(a) Each permit The successful purchaser(s) will be allotted an authorization for a Gould's turkey enhancement permit, which may be transferred through sale, barter, donation, or gift by the successful purchaser of the permit to other individuals qualified to purchase a license and hunt. Once an authorization is converted to a permit, the permit will be non-transferable.~~

~~(b)~~ Individuals hunting pursuant to a Gould's turkey enhancement permit must purchase and have in their possession a valid turkey hunting license and any other stamps, tags, or permits required by rule.

~~(c)~~ Unless his/her their hunting privileges have been revoked pursuant to law, any resident of New Mexico, nonresident, or alien is eligible to bid on and purchase a Gould's turkey enhancement permit.

~~(d)~~ Individuals holding a Gould's turkey enhancement permit shall not be prohibited from hunting other species of turkeys in New Mexico as allowed in 19.31.16 NMAC.

~~(e) Only individuals who possess a valid turkey license and a Gould's turkey enhancement permit may hunt Gould's turkeys.~~

~~(f)(e)~~ The bag limit for each permit shall be one bearded Gould's turkey.

~~(g)(f)~~ The season dates for each permit shall be no more than 30 consecutive days between April 1 and May 31 as specified by the permit each license year.

~~(g)~~ The harvest of one bearded Gould's turkey shall not count against the license holder's spring turkey bag limit.

~~(h)~~ The hunt area for each permit shall be any legally accessible public lands in GMU 27 where hunting is allowed and private land with written permission.

~~(i)~~ All manner and method restrictions and requirements set forth in 19.31.16-10 NMAC shall apply to individuals hunting turkey pursuant to Gould's turkey enhancement permits. [19.31.16.1411 NMAC -Rp , 19.31.16.14 NMAC,]

**HISTORY OF 19.31.16 NMAC:**

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Regulation No. 482, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 5/31/67;

Regulation No. 487, Establishing 1967 Seasons On Javelina And Barbary Sheep, filed 12/15/67;

Regulation No. 489, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1968, filed 3/1/68;

Regulation No. 491, Establishing Big Game Seasons For 1968 For Jicarilla Reservation, filed 3/1/68;

Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/68;  
Regulation No. 495, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 10/2/68;  
Regulation No. 496, Establishing An Elk Season In The Tres Piedras Area, Elk Area P-6, filed 12/11/68;  
Regulation No. 502, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1969, filed 3/5/69;  
Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons For Bowhunting Only And Big Game Seasons For The Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 3/5/69;  
Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/69;  
Regulation No. 507, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 8/26/69;  
Regulation No. 512, Establishing Turkey Season For The Spring Of 1970, filed 2/20/70;  
Regulation No. 513, Establishing Deer Season For Bowhunting Only In Sandia State Game Refuge, filed 2/20/70;  
Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/70;  
Regulation No 520, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1971, filed 3/9/71;  
Regulation No. 522, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/9/71;  
Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/71;  
Regulation No. 531, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/17/71;  
Regulation No. 532, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1972, filed 3/20/72;  
Regulation No. 534, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/20/72;  
Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/72;  
Regulation No. 542, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/1/72;  
Regulation No. 545, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1973, filed 2/26/73;  
Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 2/26/73;  
Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, And Javelina, filed 5/31/73;  
Regulation No. 554, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1974, filed 3/4/74;  
Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/74;  
Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex, filed 5/29/74;  
Regulation No. 565, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1975, filed 3/24/75;  
Regulation No. 567, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Deer, Bear, And Turkey On The Jicarilla Apache And Navajo Indian Reservations And On Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/24/75;  
Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 6/25/75;  
Regulation No. 573, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/76;  
Regulation No. 583, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/11/77;  
Regulation No. 590, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/15/78;  
Regulation No. 596, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/79;  
Regulation No. 603, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981, filed 2/22/80;  
Regulation No. 609, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1981 through March 31, 1982, filed 3/17/81;  
Regulation No. 614, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983, filed 3/10/82;

Regulation No. 622, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984, filed 3/9/83;  
Regulation No. 628, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1984 through March 31, 1985, filed 4/2/84;  
Regulation No. 634, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1985 Through March 31, 1986, filed 4/18/85;  
Regulation No. 640, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1986 through March 31, 1987, filed 3/25/86;  
Regulation No. 645, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1987 through March 31, 1988, filed 2/12/87;  
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**Final Adopted Rule**

**TITLE 19**        **NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**  
**CHAPTER 31**   **HUNTING AND FISHING**  
**PART 16**        **TURKEY**

**19.31.16.1**        **ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico department of game and fish.  
[19.31.16.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.1 NMAC, 4-1-19]

**19.31.16.2**        **SCOPE:** Sportspersons interested in turkey management and hunting. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978, and Title 19 NMAC.  
[19.31.16.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.2 NMAC, 4-1-19]

**19.31.16.3**        **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Sections 17-1-14, 17-1-26, 17-3-16.4, and 17-3-16.5 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.  
[19.31.16.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.3 NMAC, 4-1-19]

**19.31.16.4**        **DURATION:** April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2023.  
[19.31.16.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.4 NMAC, 4-1-19]

**19.31.16.5**        **EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2019, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[19.31.16.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.5 NMAC, 4-1-19]

**19.31.16.6**        **OBJECTIVE:** Establishing open hunting seasons, rules and procedures governing the distribution and issuance of turkey permits and licenses by the department.  
[19.31.16.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.6 NMAC, 4-1-19]

**19.31.16.7**        **DEFINITIONS:**

- A.        **"Bearded turkey"** shall mean a turkey with a visible beard.
- B.        **"Bearded Gould's turkey"** shall mean a turkey with a visible beard of the species *meleagris gallopavo mexicana*.
- C.        **"Department"** shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- D.        **"Director"** shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- E.        **"Entry permit"** shall entitle the holder of a valid turkey license to hunt areas otherwise closed to turkey hunting.
- F.        **"Game management unit" or "GMU"** shall mean those areas as described in state game commission rule 19.30.4 NMAC, Boundary Descriptions for Game Management Units.
- G.        **"Gould's turkey permit"** as used herein, shall mean a document issued by the department that authorizes the holder to participate in the activity as specified on the permit.
- H.        **"Wildlife management areas" or "WMAs"** shall mean those areas as described in rule 19.34.5 NMAC, Wildlife Management Areas.  
[19.31.16.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.7 NMAC, 4-1-19]

**19.31.16.8**        **ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES, PERMITS, AND AUTHORIZATIONS:** The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairperson or their designee, may adjust the number of licenses, permits, or authorizations, for turkey up or down by no more than twenty percent to address significant changes in population levels or habitat availability. This adjustment may be applied to any or all of the entry hunt codes for turkey.  
[19.31.16.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.8 NMAC, 4-1-19]

**19.31.16.9**        **TURKEY HUNTING SEASONS:** The 2019-20 through 2022-23 hunting seasons shall be as indicated below, listing the GMUs or areas open, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt codes, legal sporting arms, number of permits, and bag limits. All WMAs, except as listed in Subsection A of 19.31.16.9 NMAC, are open to both spring and fall over-the-counter turkey hunting if the GMU where they are located is open to turkey hunting or unless specifically closed in rule or are restricted to entry permit holders as listed in Subsection B of 19.31.16.9 NMAC.

**A. Over-the-counter hunts:** All over-the-counter turkey licenses shall be valid for any legal sporting arms, except turkey hunting in the Sandia ranger district portion of GMU 14 and Sugarite canyon state park in GMU 57 are restricted to bow and crossbow only. The number of licenses for these hunts shall be unlimited.

**(1) Spring seasons:**

Open GMUs or areas	hunt dates	bag limit
Statewide except the following GMUs or areas are closed to over-the-counter turkey hunting: GMU: 2A areas east of NM 550 and north of NM 173, 2B areas in the Carson national forest, 2C areas in the Carson national forest. 6B, 8, 19, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31 Bernardo WMA, Bill Evans WMA, Double E WMA, Jackson lake WMA, La Joya WMA, Lake Roberts WMA, Marquez WMA, Prairie Chicken WMAs, Red Rock WMA, River ranch WMA, Valle Vidal, W.S. Huey WMA	4/15-5/10	2 turkeys with visible beards
Statewide except as listed above, youth only	4/12-14/2019 4/10-12/2020 4/9-11/2021 4/8-10/2022	2 turkeys with visible beards

**(2) Fall seasons:**

Open GMUs or areas	hunt dates	bag limit
Statewide except the following GMUs or areas are closed to over the counter turkey hunting: GMU: 2A areas east of NM 550 and north of NM 173, 2B areas in the Carson national forest, 2C areas in the Carson national forest. 6B, 8, 14, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 33, 38, 43, 49, 50, 53 Bernardo WMA, Bill Evans WMA, Double E WMA, Edward Sargent WMA, Jackson lake WMA, La Joya WMA, Lake Roberts WMA, Marquez WMA, Prairie Chicken WMAs, Red Rock WMA, Rio Chama WMA, River ranch WMA, Sugarite canyon state park, Valle Vidal, W.A. Humphries WMA, W.S. Huey WMA	bow only: 9/1-30  any legal sporting arms: 11/1-30	any 1 turkey

**B. Entry permit hunts:** All entry permits shall be valid for any legal sporting arms except turkey hunting in the Sandia ranger district portion of GMU 8. An entry permit authorizes the holder to hunt in the area, for the bag limit, and for the season dates listed on the permit. In addition, holders of a turkey entry permit may hunt in any open over-the-counter area during the spring season for a second turkey (if applicable) or if unsuccessful in their entry hunt area. In no circumstance may any turkey hunter take or attempt to take more than 2 bearded turkeys during the spring season, except the holder of a Gould's turkey enhancement permit as described in 19.31.16.11 NMAC. Holders of an entry hunt permit must also purchase a turkey hunting license prior to hunting. The maximum number of permits is listed below.

Open GMUs or areas	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates	hunt code	permits	bag limit
2B (Carson national forest) 2C (Carson national forest)	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	TUR-1-100	115	1 turkey with visible beard
2B (Carson national forest) 2C (Carson national forest), youth only	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	TUR-1-101	50	1 turkey with visible beard
2A (areas east of NM 550 and north of NM 173), youth only	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	TUR-1-102	5	1 turkey with visible beard
6B the Valles Caldera national preserve	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	TUR-1-103	20	1 turkey with visible

							beard
8 (bow and crossbow only in Sandia ranger district)	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	TUR-1-104	15	2 turkeys with visible beard
9 Marquez WMA	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	4/15-5/10	TUR-1-105	5	2 turkeys with visible beard
30 Washington Ranch (private land), youth only	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TUR-1-106	up to 10	1 turkey with visible beard
33W.S. Huey WMA, youth only	4/12-4/14	4/10-4/12	4/9-4/11	4/8-4/10	TUR-1-107	up to 4	1 turkey with visible beard
33 W.S. Huey WMA, youth only	4/19-4/21	4/17-4/19	4/16-4/18	4/15-4/17	TUR-1-108	up to 4	1 turkey with visible beard
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	TUR-1-109	20	1 turkey with visible beard

[19.31.16.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.12 NMAC, 4-1-19]

**19.31.16.10 TURKEY POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS:**

- A. The director or their designee may authorize population management hunts for turkey when justified in writing by department personnel.
- B. The director or their designee shall designate the sporting arms, season dates, season lengths, bag limits, hunt boundaries, specific requirements or restrictions, and number of licenses to be issued.
- C. In the event that an applicant is not able to hunt on the dates specified, the applicant's name shall be moved to the bottom of the list and another applicant may be contacted for the hunt.
- D. In those instances where a population management hunt is warranted on deeded private lands, the landowner may suggest eligible hunters of their choice by submitting a list of prospective hunter's names to the department for licensing consideration. No more than one-half of the total number of licenses authorized shall be available to landowner-identified hunters. The balance of prospective hunters shall be identified by the department.

[19.31.16.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.13 NMAC, 4-1-19]

**19.31.16.11 GOULD'S TURKEY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM:**

A. The director of the department shall collect all proceeds generated through the auction or lottery or both, of not more than two special Gould's turkey enhancement permits annually. These monies shall be deposited into the game protection fund and made available for expenditure by the department to be used exclusively for activities, projects, and programs aimed at the restoration and management of Gould's turkeys and Gould's turkey habitat.

B. Requirements for issuance, sale and use of Gould's turkey enhancement permits:

(1) **Issuance:** The director of the department may issue up to two Gould's turkey enhancement permits annually. Prior to permit issuance each year, the director must document that the prospective harvest of up to two bearded Gould's turkeys will not jeopardize the prospects for survival and recruitment of Gould's turkeys in New Mexico or conflict with the Wildlife Conservation Act, 17-2-37 NMSA 1978.

(2) **Sale:**

(a) The auction or lottery or both may be conducted by an incorporated non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of wildlife, in cooperation with and overseen by the department.

(b) Selection of an organization to administer the auction or lottery or both of the Gould's turkey enhancement permits shall be pursuant to procurement code regulations described in 1.4.1.31 NMAC.

(3) Use:

(a) The successful purchaser(s) will be allotted an authorization for a Gould's turkey enhancement permit, which may be transferred through sale, barter, donation, or gift to other individuals qualified to purchase a license and hunt. Once an authorization is converted to a permit, the permit will be non-transferable.

(b) Individuals hunting pursuant to a Gould's turkey enhancement permit must purchase and have in their possession a valid turkey hunting license and any other stamps, tags, or permits required by rule.

(c) Unless their hunting privileges have been revoked pursuant to law, any resident of New Mexico, nonresident, or alien is eligible to bid on and purchase a Gould's turkey enhancement permit.

(d) Individuals holding a Gould's turkey enhancement permit shall not be prohibited from hunting other species of turkeys in New Mexico as allowed in 19.31.16 NMAC.

(e) The bag limit for each permit shall be one bearded Gould's turkey.

(f) The season dates for each permit shall be no more than 30 consecutive days between April 1 and May 31 as specified by the permit each license year.

(g) The harvest of one bearded Gould's turkey shall not count against the license holder's spring turkey bag limit.

(h) The hunt area for each permit shall be any legally accessible public lands in GMU 27 where hunting is allowed and private land with written permission.

(i) All manner and method restrictions and requirements set forth in 19.31.10 NMAC shall apply to individuals hunting turkey pursuant to Gould's turkey enhancement permits. [19.31.16.11 NMAC -Rp , 19.31.16.14 NMAC, 4-1-19]

#### **HISTORY OF 19.31.16 NMAC:**

**Pre-NMAC History:** The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the State Records Center and Archives under:

Regulation No. 482, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 5/31/67;

Regulation No. 487, Establishing 1967 Seasons On Javelina And Barbary Sheep, filed 12/15/67;

Regulation No. 489, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1968, filed 3/1/68;

Regulation No. 491, Establishing Big Game Seasons For 1968 For Jicarilla Reservation, filed 3/1/68;

Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/68;

Regulation No. 495, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 10/2/68;

Regulation No. 496, Establishing An Elk Season In The Tres Piedras Area, Elk Area P-6, filed 12/11/68;

Regulation No. 502, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1969, filed 3/5/69;

Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons For Bowhunting Only And Big Game Seasons For The Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 3/5/69;

Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/69;

Regulation No. 507, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 8/26/69;

Regulation No. 512, Establishing Turkey Season For The Spring Of 1970, filed 2/20/70;

Regulation No. 513, Establishing Deer Season For Bowhunting Only In Sandia State Game Refuge, filed 2/20/70;

Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/70;

Regulation No 520, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1971, filed 3/9/71;

Regulation No. 522, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/9/71;

Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/71;

Regulation No. 531, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/17/71;

Regulation No. 532, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1972, filed 3/20/72;

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Regulation No. 542, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/1/72;

Regulation No. 545, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1973, filed 2/26/73;

Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 2/26/73;

Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, And Javelina, filed 5/31/73;

Regulation No. 554, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1974, filed 3/4/74;

Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/74;

Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex, filed 5/29/74;

Regulation No. 565, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1975, filed 3/24/75;

Regulation No. 567, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Deer, Bear, And Turkey On The Jicarilla Apache And Navajo Indian Reservations And On Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/24/75;

Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 6/25/75;

Regulation No. 573, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/76;

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Regulation No. 603, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981, filed 2/22/80;

Regulation No. 609, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1981 through March 31, 1982, filed 3/17/81;

Regulation No. 614, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983, filed 3/10/82;

Regulation No. 622, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984, filed 3/9/83;

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Findings MUST include:

- Reasons for adopting rule, including any findings otherwise required by law of the agency, and a summary of any independent analysis done by the agency;
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The rulemaking was undertaken to adopt a new Turkey rule, 19.31.16 NMAC, which will become effective April 1, 2019. The current Turkey rule is set to expire on March 31, 2019.

The new rule will include adjusting youth season dates so select hunts will coincide with weekends. Date changes will only be made to special seasons including the Youth-Only Over-the-Counter hunt, and the WS Huey WMA Youth-Only draw hunts. We are opening additional units for fall hunting to include Game Management Units 2B (excluding Carson National Forest) 5A, 39, 51 and 52, and Bluebird Mesa Wildlife Management Area, and for spring hunting to include Game Management Unit 33 and Bluebird Mesa Wildlife Management Area. Additionally, we are adding an additional draw hunt for youth in GMU 30 on Washington Ranch. A full text of changes will be available on the Department's website at: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us).

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There have been no changes between the published proposed rule and the final rule. There were no substantive arguments made through public comment that were not accepted. To view public comments, please visit [www.wildlife.state.nm.us/commission/meeting-agendas/](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/commission/meeting-agendas/) and click on the Hearing Archive tab. The resulting rule was based on what was best for the resource and overall hunter satisfaction.

Issuing authority (If delegated, authority letter must be on file with ALD):

Name:

Alexandra Sandoval

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Title:

Director, NMDGF

Signature: (BLACK ink only)

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*Alexandra Sandoval*

*6/25/18*





# **Wildlife Management Division**

## **Turkey**

### **19.31.16 NMAC**

June 21, 2018

New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting  
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**Proposed Amendments:  
Turkey 19.31.16 NMAC**

- **Adjust youth seasons for calendar dates**
- **Add an additional youth draw in GMU 30**
- **Open additional areas for spring turkey**
- **Open additional areas for fall hunting**

# Summary of Public Comment

- 13 written comments received
- Public meetings: Farmington (13), Las Cruces (5), Albuquerque (10)
- **Summary of Comments Received:**
  - Additional spring and fall areas
  - Additional spring primitive/disability hunting opportunity
  - Season dates
  - Youth hunt season updates
  - Reduce spring possession limit



**Proposed Amendments:  
Turkey 19.31.16 NMAC**

- **Create a Spring youth hunt on Washington Ranch in GMU 30**
  - **1 weekend during regular or youth season**
  - **Up to 10 tags**
- **Increase the number of tags in GMU 8 from 10 to 15**



## **Proposed**

### **Amendments:**

#### **Turkey**

#### **19.31.16 NMAC**

- **Open additional areas for spring turkey**
  - **GMUS: 2B (except Carson National Forest), 33, 50**
  - **All WMAs except: Bernardo, Bill Evans, Double E, Jackson Lake, La Joya, Lake Roberts, Marquez, Prairie Chicken, Red Rock, River Ranch, W.S. Huey**



# Proposed

## Amendments:

### Turkey


### 19.31.16 NMAC

- **Open additional areas for fall turkey**
  - **GMUS: 2B (except Carson National Forest), 4, 5A, 39, 51, 52**
  - **All WMAs except: Bernardo, Bill Evans, Double E, Edward Sargent, Jackson Lake, La Joya, Lake Roberts, Marquez, Prairie Chicken, Red Rock, Rio Chama, River Ranch, Humphries, W.S. Huey**



# **Questions?**

*Wildlife Management Division*

The seal of the State of New Mexico is visible in the background, featuring a central figure surrounded by the words "ESTABLISHED 1846" and "THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO".

**“Move to repeal and replace 19.31.16  
NMAC, as presented by the Department  
and allow the Department to make minor  
corrections to comply with filing this  
rule with State Records and Archives.”**





# Proposed Amendments: Turkey 19.31.16 NMAC

- **Adjust youth seasons for calendar dates**

Year	Youth Only - Over the Counter	
	Open	Close
2019	April 12	April 14
2020	April 10	April 12
2021	April 9	April 11
2022	April 8	April 10

# Proposed Amendments: Turkey 19.31.16 NMAC

- **Adjust youth seasons for calendar dates**

Hunt and Code	Year	Dates
Youth Only WS Huey Draw TUR-1-107	2019	April 13 -14
	2020	April 11-12
	2021	April 10-11
	2022	April 9-10
Youth Only WS Huey Draw TUR-1-108	2019	April 20-21
	2020	April 18-19
	2021	April 17-18
	2022	April 16-17

## TURKEY RULE PROPOSED CHANGES, 2019-2023

- Adjust seasons for calendar dates
  - o These adjustments occur so select hunts will coincide with weekends. Date changes will only be made to special seasons including the Youth Only Over the Counter hunt, and the WS Huey WMA Youth Only draw hunts

### Youth Only Over the Counter

Season Dates in Current Rule	Proposed dates for New Rule.
April 10 – 12, 2015	April 12 – 14, 2019
April 8 – 10, 2016	April 10 – 12, 2020
April 7 – 9, 2017	April 9 – 11, 2021
April 6 – 8, 2018	April 8 – 10, 2022

### Youth Only WS Huey Draw Hunt

Hunt and Code	Season Dates in Current Rule	Proposed dates for New Rule.
Youth Only WS Huey WMA Code: TUR-1-105	April 9 – 10, 2016 April 8 – 9, 2017 April 14 – 15, 2018	April 13 – 14, 2019 April 11 – 12, 2020 April 10 – 11, 2021 April 9 – 10, 2022
Youth Only WS Huey WMA Code: TUR-1-106	April 16 – 17, 2016 April 15 – 16, 2017 April 21 – 22, 2018	April 20 – 21, 2019 April 18 – 19, 2020 April 17 – 18, 2021 April 16 – 17, 2022

- Open additional units for fall hunting
  - o Current units open for fall season will remain open, with the potential additional of the following Game Management Units
    - 51
    - 52
- Open additional units for Spring Hunting
  - o Current units open for spring season will remain open, with the potential additional of the following units
    - GMU 33
    - Bluebird Mesa Wildlife Management Area

*If you would like to comment on the proposals, please send an email to:*

[DGF-Gamebird@state.nm.us](mailto:DGF-Gamebird@state.nm.us)

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## Technical Information for Turkey Rule Development



### Survey and Harvest Data

Turkey management remains centered on monitoring harvest, density, and distribution reports from hunters and field staff. Populations are present throughout New Mexico's mountain ranges and river valleys. Turkey population surveys are not conducted. The turkey mating system is polygamous, thus one gobbler will breed with many hens. Spring harvest strategies are designed to remove males following hens being bred. Spring turkey season should open just prior to the onset of incubation. This ensures that the greatest number of hens will have been bred by the adult males, while also providing a quality hunt experience as males will still be displaying. Using this strategy, spring gobbler harvest should have minimal effect on populations growth rates, as males play no role in rearing young. Though some spring gobbler harvest is sustainable, studies have shown that a spring harvest of >30% of the male population could negatively influence population growth rates. In contrast, turkey populations are sensitive to adult hen mortality, and either-sex fall harvest can directly impact population growth rates. Fall harvest of >10% of the population will likely lead to decreases in population size. Currently, hunter demand for fall harvest in New Mexico is fairly low and the bag limit is set to 1 to protect populations from over-harvest.

### New Mexico turkey hunting license sales and reported harvests

<i>Year</i>	<i>Spring Licenses Sold</i>	<i>Reported Spring Harvest</i>	<i>Fall Licenses Sold</i>	<i>Reported Fall Harvest</i>
2011*	9,656	624	2,431	45
2012*	8,524	540	2,828	240
2013	9,284	1,459	2,989	258
2014	8,916	1,960	3,336	555
2015	9,462	2,155	3,790	556
2016	10,159	2,339	3,842	427

\* Online reporting was voluntary in 2011 and 2012

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## 2016-17 New Mexico Spring Turkey Hunter Harvest Report- Statewide by GMU

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1*	21	67	4	75%	4	19%		2.8
2	232	793	93	73%	79	34.1%	14	3.7
3*	7	33	0		0	0%		3.6
4	100	288	42	88%	34	34%	8	3.8
5	164	524	31	94%	28	17.1%	3	3.3
6	782	2802	151	90%	127	16.2%	24	3.3
7	8	38	1	0%	1	12.5%		2.4
8	9	46	2	100%	2	22.2%		3.3
9	222	732	43	74%	35	15.8%	8	3.4
10	297	1198	59	71%	49	16.5%	10	3.3
11*	1	2	0		0	0%		3
12	11	46	2	100%	2	18.2%		3.8
13	62	180	12	75%	10	16.1%	2	3.2
14	346	1150	79	66%	64	18.5%	15	3.3
15	347	1289	86	80%	70	20.1%	16	3.4
16	1131	3968	414	99%	326	28.8%	88	3.7
17	97	395	28	75%	23	23.7%	5	3.2
18	24	78	5	60%	3	12.5%	2	3.1
19	1	3	0		0	0%		1
20	26	49	9	44%	8	30.8%	1	3
21	104	327	40	83%	35	33.7%	5	3.5
22	16	81	4	100%	4	25%		4
23	112	446	38	79%	30	26.8%	8	3.4
24	280	1056	92	82%	76	27.1%	16	3.4
25	3	5	0		0	0%		2.3
26	1	2	0		0	0%		5
28	2	5	0		0	0%		2
29	1	3	0		0	0%		4
30	5	15	1	0%	1	20%		3.4
31	3	10	1	100%	1	33.3%		3
32	51	108	31	58%	24	47.1%	7	3.8
33	5	15	3	67%	3	60%		4
34	1186	3832	345	82%	277	23.4%	68	3.5
35*	5	21	1	100%	1	20%		3.2
36	318	1043	106	86%	82	25.8%	24	3.6
37	212	737	68	82%	58	27.4%	10	3.5

38	26	78	8	88%	6	23.1%	2	3.3
39	50	91	35	71%	25	50%	10	4.3
40	30	56	19	84%	15	50%	4	3.8
41	15	26	13	54%	10	66.7%	3	3.9
42	88	209	67	82%	45	51.1%	22	4.3
43	42	120	14	86%	12	28.6%	2	3.6
44	3	10	1	100%	1	33.3%		3.3
45	433	1665	134	79%	111	25.6%	23	3.4
46	84	277	49	73%	37	44%	12	4
47	20	41	14	79%	12	60%	2	3.8
48	73	226	42	74%	35	47.9%	7	3.7
49	152	677	67	82%	49	32.2%	18	3.7
50	3	9	1	0%	1	33.3%		3.7
51	182	700	37	89%	34	18.7%	3	3.4
52	53	193	19	84%	14	26.4%	5	3.4
53	41	174	11	82%	9	22%	2	3.4
54	23	52	13	92%	10	43.5%	3	4.1
55	90	206	66	92%	47	52.2%	19	4.4
56	22	57	16	88%	13	59.1%	3	4.2
57	91	274	53	83%	39	42.9%	14	3.9
58	38	72	30	87%	19	50%	11	4.7
59	22	48	16	69%	13	59.1%	3	4
UNK	7	4	1	100%	0	0%	1	4.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,461</b>	<b>24,924</b>	<b>2,339</b>	<b>80.9%</b>	<b>1,873</b>	<b>80.1%</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>3.5</b>

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1*	8	30	0	2.3	0%	0	0	0	0
2	56	231	20	3.1	35.7%	4	16	0	20
3*	3	18	0	3	0%	0	0	0	0
4**	2	5	0	1	0%	0	0	0	0
5	60	297	2	3.1	3.3%	1	1	1	1
6	324	1024	37	3.2	11.4%	18	19	2	35
7	4	24	0	3	0%	0	0	0	0
8**	3	5	0	3	0%	0	0	0	0

9	142	596	25	3.1	17.6%	13	12	5	20
10	129	532	24	3	18.6%	15	9	2	22
12	3	6	0	3.3	0%	0	0	0	0
13	31	110	1	2.8	3.2%	1	0	0	1
14**	4	8	0	3.5	0%	0	0	0	0
15	109	461	14	3.1	12.8%	6	8	1	13
16	300	1256	52	3.3	17.3%	22	30	3	49
17	22	68	1	2.8	4.5%	0	1	0	1
18**	5	13	1	3.4	20%	1	0	0	1
19**	1	1	0	2	0%	0	0	0	0
20**	2	4	0	3.5	0%	0	0	0	0
21	51	199	8	2.8	15.7%	4	4	2	6
22	11	44	3	2.5	27.3%	2	1	0	3
23	66	305	5	3.1	7.6%	1	4	0	5
24	85	236	23	3.4	27.1%	13	10	0	23
25**	2	7	0	3	0%	0	0	0	0
26**	4	11	1	3	25%	0	1	0	1
29	1	3	0	5	0%	0	0	0	0
30**	3	3	1	2.7	33.3%	1	0	0	1
32	19	63	6	3.6	31.6%	1	5	1	5
34	410	1370	85	3.3	20.7%	51	34	7	78
36	108	416	29	3.4	26.9%	11	18	1	28
37	80	298	18	3.3	22.5%	13	5	2	16
38**	4	14	0	2.8	0%	0	0	0	0
39**	3	6	0	2.3	0%	0	0	0	0
40	10	16	6	3.7	60%	0	6	0	6
41	2	4	2	5	100%	1	1	1	1
42	16	38	12	3.8	75%	6	6	0	12
43**	2	5	0	2.5	0%	0	0	0	0
45	112	460	26	3	23.2%	13	13	1	25
46	15	43	5	3.4	33.3%	2	3	0	5
47	1	1	0	2	0%	0	0	0	0
48	22	84	3	2.8	13.6%	1	2	1	2
49**	3	6	0	3.7	0%	0	0	0	0
51**	9	26	1	2.9	11.1%	1	0	0	1
52**	7	21	0	3	0%	0	0	0	0
53**	1	3	0	3	0%	0	0	0	0
54	6	20	2	3.8	33.3%	1	1	0	2
55	12	58	6	4.3	50%	2	4	0	6
56	4	8	2	4.5	50%	1	1	0	2

57	18	76	6	4	33.3%	4	2	0	6
58	3	11	0	3.7	0%	0	0	0	0
59	1	1	0	5	0%	0	0	0	0
UNK	2	0	0	3.5	0%	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,212</b>	<b>8,545</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>3.18</b>	<b>19.3%</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>391</b>

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1*	37	128	4	100%	4	11%	0	3.1
2	222	853	78	79%	63	32%	15	3.5
3*	10	31	2	100%	2	20%	0	3.2
4	112	327	34	91%	29	28%	5	3.6
5	161	529	24	75%	23	16%	1	3.2
6	886	3173	147	84%	128	16%	18	3.2
7	11	29	2	100%	2	18%	0	3.3
8	13	55	3	100%	3	27%	0	4.2
9	245	889	56	73%	46	21%	10	3.4
10	329	1314	51	80%	46	15%	5	3.1
11*	6	13	1	100%	1	17%	0	3
12	22	103	2	100%	2	11%	0	3.1
13	76	269	6	67%	5	7%	1	3
14	314	1130	47	77%	38	13%	9	3.2
15	413	1531	120	88%	99	27%	21	3.4
16	688	2424	209	77%	168	29%	40	3.4
17	113	411	27	70%	22	22%	5	3.1
18	22	73	9	89%	8	40%	1	3.2
19	5	12	3	100%	2	50%	1	3.6
20	19	48	3	100%	3	17%	0	3
21	102	333	38	68%	33	38%	6	3.7
22	13	43	5	80%	5	42%	0	3.5
23	136	490	41	90%	33	29%	8	3.4
24	250	1062	76	80%	59	27%	17	3.4
25	2	8	0		0	0%	0	4
26	5	13	0		0	0%	0	2.8
29	1	4	0		0	0%	0	3
30	6	11	2	50%	2	40%	0	2.7
31	6	17	1	100%	1	17%	0	2.3



32	39	99	18	44%	14	41%	4	3.5
33	7	12	4	100%	3	50%	1	3.7
34	1288	4365	308	82%	266	21%	42	3.4
35*	18	59	5	100%	3	19%	2	3.5
36	348	1134	115	77%	97	32%	18	3.5
37	186	597	48	77%	36	23%	12	3.3
38	24	41	4	75%	2	12%	2	2.5
39	39	81	22	59%	14	48%	8	4
40	14	20	8	25%	7	54%	1	3.4
41	11	26	3	67%	3	30%	0	4
42	66	138	44	61%	32	62%	12	4
43	36	140	7	57%	7	22%	0	2.9
44	2	10	0		0	0%	0	2
45	391	1343	120	77%	94	27%	26	3.4
46	105	321	41	83%	33	35%	8	3.7
47	21	56	7	86%	7	35%	0	3.2
48	69	268	29	90%	24	40%	5	3.4
49	120	524	51	78%	40	40%	11	3.7
50	2	3	0		0	0%	0	4
51	196	717	56	86%	47	28%	9	3.6
52	75	262	14	93%	12	18%	2	3.5
53	48	223	12	75%	10	26%	2	3.4
54	38	82	22	77%	13	52%	9	3.8
55	129	311	92	91%	66	70%	27	4.3
56	14	27	9	89%	6	55%	3	4.2
57	104	348	70	80%	51	61%	19	4.1
58	47	118	30	93%	23	64%	7	4.3
59	25	35	22	82%	12	80%	10	4.4
UNK	8	8	3	100%	1	17%	2	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,772</b>	<b>26,706</b>	<b>2,155</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>25.80%</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>3.41</b>

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1*	11	25	0	1.8	0%				
2	58	167	11	3.3	19%	5	6		13
3*	1	10	0	3	0%				
4	4	7	2	2.3	50%	2			2
5	41	184	3	3.2	7%	2	2	3	1
6	269	923	39	3.2	14%	15	24	6	32

7	4	12	2	2.8	50%		2	1	1
8	2	5	0	2	0%				
9	132	488	22	3.3	17%	11	11		22
10	122	472	20	3	16%	6	14	3	17
11*	4	24	0	3.8	0%				
12	5	45	1	2.6	20%	1			1
13	39	207	3	2.9	8%		3	2	1
14	6	14	0	2.5	0%				
15	99	411	17	2.9	17%	11	6	2	15
16	299	1487	62	3.2	21%	20	42	9	51
17	30	83	0	2.7	0%				
18	2	9	0	3	0%				
20	2	18	0	3	0%				
21	51	181	14	3.2	27%	2	12	1	13
22	11	44	4	3.3	36%	1	3	1	3
23	80	293	24	3.4	30%	9	15	3	21
24	77	272	22	3.5	29%	10	12	2	19
26	3	11	1	3.3	33%	1			1
28	1	2	0	1	0%				
29	2	2	2	5	100%	1	1		2
30	3	12	1	3.7	33%		1		1
32	24	62	9	3.2	38%	7	2	3	6
33	1	2	0	1	0%				
34	460	1416	148	3.5	32%	109	39	5	149
35*	3	4	0	3.0	0%				
36	115	397	40	3.5	35%	24	16	4	37
37	69	257	19	3.5	28%	7	12		18
38	1	4	0	2	0%				
40	9	19	6	3.9	67%	5	1	1	5
41	5	10	3	4.2	60%	2	1		3
42	20	48	12	4	60%	7	5		12
43	7	22	2	3.3	29%	2			2
45	130	492	29	3.3	22%	12	17	5	25
46	19	59	4	3.3	21%	2	2	1	3
47	4	14	3	4.8	75%		3	2	1
48	25	113	4	3.5	16%	2	2	1	3
49	8	42	3	3.5	38%	3		1	2
50	1	2	0	3	0%				
51	11	37	0	3	0%				
52	8	28	1	3.6	13%	1		1	

53	6	15	0	2.5	0%				
54	3	21	1	3.3	33%		1	1	
55	10	24	4	3.7	40%	2	2	1	3
56	6	13	2	3.5	33%		2		2
57	20	73	12	3.9	60%	3	9	2	10
58	1	1	1	5	100%	1			1
59	2	3	2	4	100%	1	1		2
UNK	1	1	1	1	100%				1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,327</b>	<b>8,695</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>3.48</b>	<b>23.9%</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>495</b>

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2	172	643	57	63%	52	30%	5	3.3
4	90	320	40	63%	35	39%	5	3.7
5	118	427	32	63%	28	24%	4	3.3
6	727	2745	153	67%	133	18%	20	3.2
7	13	38	8	75%	7	54%	1	3.7
8	8	21	0			0%		2.9
9	205	816	41	68%	33	16%	8	3.2
10	287	1370	67	75%	57	20%	10	3.2
12	15	65	3	100%	3	20%		3.3
13	47	199	6	100%	6	13%		3
14	260	926	59	70%	48	19%	11	3.2
15	310	1350	126	74%	106	34%	20	3.5
16	527	2172	173	82%	148	28%	25	3.5
17	78	340	21	81%	18	23%	3	3.1
18	24	75	7	71%	6	25%	1	3.1
19	2	8	2	50%	2	100%		4
20	14	41	8	63%	7	50%	1	3.9
21	72	267	23	83%	20	28%	3	3.3
22	11	43	4	100%	4	36%		3.9
23	97	377	30	73%	26	27%	4	3.2
24	271	1026	70	76%	61	23%	9	3.2
27	1	2	1	100%	1	100%		4
28	1	5	0			0%		2
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31	3	21	0			0%		5
32	27	86	20	80%	18	67%	2	3.6

33	2	3	1	0%	1	50%		3
34	1096	3910	342	74%	279	26%	63	3.3
36	307	1155	117	70%	93	30%	24	3.5
37	165	607	47	77%	37	22%	10	3.3
38	18	42	5	40%	4	22%	1	3.1
39	19	60	3	67%	3	16%		3.5
40	11	25	6	83%	5	46%	1	2.8
41	9	30	3	100%	3	33%		3.4
42	53	159	21	76%	17	32%	4	3
43	22	85	8	88%	7	32%	1	2.9
44	2	8	0			0%		2
45	336	1457	90	63%	74	22%	16	3.3
46	64	209	26	65%	23	36%	3	3.6
47	18	53	14	64%	9	50%	5	3.7
48	52	225	25	80%	21	40%	4	3.6
49	110	612	48	71%	40	36%	8	3.4
50	5	30	2	100%	2	40%		3.2
51	153	613	34	41%	29	19%	5	3.3
52	47	224	13	54%	9	19%	4	3.6
53	41	181	17	82%	16	39%	1	3.5
54	20	60	13	77%	10	50%	3	3.9
55	92	257	79	66%	58	63%	21	4.3
56	12	27	9	78%	7	58%	2	3.5
57	85	365	50	78%	41	48%	9	3.8
58	18	52	21	71%	15	83%	6	4.4
59	8	22	6	67%	5	63%	1	3.3
UNK	66	202	7	71%	6	10%	1	3.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,214</b>	<b>24,064</b>	<b>1,960</b>	<b>83.3%</b>	<b>1,634</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>3.35</b>

### 2014-15 New Mexico Fall Turkey Hunter Harvest Report- Statewide by GMU

GMU	Hunters	Days Hunted	Harvest	Hunter Rating	Success Rates	Hens	Gobblers	Sept	Nov
2	49	156	17	3.3	35%	10	7	3	14
4	4	8	0	3.3	0%				
5	13	38	5	2.8	38%	2	3	1	4
6	312	1193	65	3.3	21%	49	16	6	58
7	4	10	2	3.8	50%	0	2	0	2
8	1	3	0	3	0%				
9	129	457	29	3.3	22%	18	11	1	28
10	128	681	14	3	11%	7	7	1	13
12	7	15	0	3	0%				
13	26	117	1	3	4%	0	1	0	1
14	5	10	2	4	40%	1	1	0	2
15	101	424	17	3.2	17%	6	11	0	17
16	217	947	56	3.4	26%	33	23	9	47

17	28	101	6	3.2	21%	6	0	0	6
19	8	20	0	3	0%				
20	1	4	0	3	0%				
21	40	102	13	3.2	33%	10	3	1	12
22	10	46	4	3.5	40%	4	0	3	1
23	70	293	20	3	29%	6	14	1	19
24	63	234	21	3.5	33%	12	9	4	16
27	2	8	1	4	50%	0	1	1	0
29	1	3	0	3	0%				
30	1	4	0	1	0%				
31	4	9	1	3.8	25%	0	1	0	1
32	14	29	6	4.1	43%	2	4	0	5
33	3	5	2	4.3	67%	0	2	1	1
34	444	1385	145	3.4	33%	104	41	8	136
36	95	333	27	3.2	28%	18	9	3	24
37	71	213	22	3.2	31%	13	9	0	22
38	2	6	0	3.7	0%				
39	3	7	0	2.7	0%				
40	4	15	2	3.2	50%	1	1	0	2
41	5	20	2	4.2	40%	0	2	0	2
42	10	21	5	3.1	50%	4	1	0	5
43	4	7	1	3.3	25%	1	0	1	0
44	1	2	0	4	0%				
45	108	400	31	3.1	29%	18	13	3	28
46	19	50	7	3.6	37%	5	2	1	6
47	4	13	2	4	50%	0	2	0	2
48	18	74	2	3.4	11%	1	1	0	2
49	3	7	1	3.3	33%	0	1	0	1
51	11	44	1	3.2	9%	1	0	0	1
52	5	20	1	2.2	20%	0	1	0	1
53	2	5	0	3.5	0%				
54	2	10	1	4	50%	1	0	0	1
55	5	12	2	3.8	40%	0	2	0	2
56	1	2	1	4	100%	1	0	0	1
57	27	112	14	3.9	52%	8	6	1	13
58	1	25	1	5	100%	1	0	1	0
59	2	4	0	4.5	0%				
UNK	25	78	6	2.5	24%	2	4	0	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,113</b>	<b>7,782</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>3.30</b>	<b>26.3%</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>505</b>



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New Mexico State Game Commission

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EXHIBIT  
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## Cardinal, Casey, DGF

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**From:** PORTER, DANIEL T MSgt USAF AFSOC AFSOC A4/A4MSS <  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 17, 2018 12:51 PM  
**To:** DGF-Gamebird  
**Subject:** Unit 51 turkey information  
**Attachments:** Turkeyrulnotice5-15-18.pdf

Good afternoon,

I have hunted elk in unit 51 for the last four seasons and will be up there again this year.

On numerous scouting trips, camping trips, and on every single hunting trip; I have seen a very healthy population of turkeys.

I support the addition of proposal of unit 51 being added to the fall season.

Thank you!

Respectfully,

Daniel T. Porter, MSgt, USAF  
Accessory Systems Manager, AFSOC

**EXHIBIT**

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## Cardinal, Casey, DGF

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 16, 2018 2:46 PM  
**To:** DGF-Gamebird  
**Subject:** Bluebird Mesa WMA

Hello,

I wanted to put in my opinion regarding opening the Bluebird Mesa WMA in 6A. I would like to see it opened for all big game species and turkey. It is a very nice WMA, and it is particularly suited for youth hunters as it has good access and relatively-easy walking for young people who need to be eased into the hunting world. I also think if our money went towards purchasing this property, we should be permitted to hunt on it. I don't see the benefit of NMDGF obtaining properties if no hunters are allowed on it. I have several youth I help hunt both turkey and elk, and I would like to be able to use this property for them in the future if it would be opened for hunting.

Thank you for your time.  
Jonathan Skiles

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### Buckingham Confirms Unfortunate News

<http://thirdpartyoffers.juno.com/TGL3132/5aac2d6e8a7ff2d6e422cst03duc>





## Cardinal, Casey, DGF

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**From:** Elliott Guinn  
**Sent:** Monday, March 12, 2018 12:31 PM  
**To:** DGF-Gamebird  
**Subject:** Turkey Proposed Changes comments

My name is R. Elliott Guinn and reside in Rio Rancho, NM.

I am an avid hunter and fisherman inside this state and out.

I primarily hunt, camp and fish in Northern NM. Over the past several years I have noticed a significant increase in the amounts of Turkey for units 51 and 52.

I normally do not hunt the spring season in these units due to snow pack and/ or runoff that make a lot of the forest roads impassible.

I would be in favor and would hunt the fall units of 51 and 52 for Turkey.

R. Elliott Guinn

Sent from my iPhone

## Cardinal, Casey, DGF

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**From:** Riley Nelson  
**Sent:** Friday, March 16, 2018 8:14 AM  
**To:** DGF-Gamebird  
**Subject:** Turkey Rule

I strongly support the proposal to open units 51 and 52 for fall turkey. Long overdue.

Not sure the basis for previously changing the fall seasons to separate bow vs firearm in September and November respectively. The reality is that small game hunters (i.e. grouse and squirrel) are out in the woods regardless of whether any type of big game hunts are being held. I don't think firearm fall turkey hunters contribute much to the traffic and noise in the woods—always the concern for the big game hunters, even back when fall turkey was legal for firearm in September...

Riley S. Nelson M.D.

## Cardinal, Casey, DGF

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**From:** Joe Meyer <  
**Sent:** Friday, March 09, 2018 6:02 PM  
**To:** DGF-Gamebird  
**Subject:** Turkey calendar change

I feel the turkey calendar date change would NOT be good because we should keep it simplified. everyone knows turkey season always opens April 15 every year no matter what day it falls on. the same for quail November 15 through February 15 dove, squirrel and grouse Sept 1 let's keep it simple for people to remember simplicity is always the best option.

Sent from my iPhone

## Cardinal, Casey, DGF

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**From:** Bentley, Mark - FSA, Aztec, NM <  
**Sent:** Monday, April 02, 2018 5:16 PM  
**To:** DGF-Gamebird  
**Subject:** Turkey Rule Comments

To propagate and conserve, per mission statement, the department is urged to consider:

1. changing all spring turkey dates to open on Friday/Sat Mid-April, annually. Open according to yearly calendar where a Fri falls on first date open season vs a set date each year. For all ages including youth hunts. It would be appreciated if hunts fall on a weekend when majority can go.
2. remove the 2 bird allowance OTC (Spring hunts). Data suggests more licenses sold and higher harvest rates. With periodic drought patterns annually and hunter surveys indicating turkey density (quality) not high. Consensus among those who actually plan and hunt turkey annually indicate lack of turkey numbers, statewide, on public lands. One can debate intelligently to an opposing view that if one can afford to plan/go turkey hunting, the actual meat (2 birds) is not an arguable argument that one is "feeding his/her family". It's a sport and fun to get out and do. One turkey is plenty. Harvesting 2 birds seems excessive in terms of one bird providing the same level of enjoyment and satisfaction a field. Turkeys are cheap in the store. Its tough finding birds, and quantity of birds. Personal experience. Others feel the same way. Often toms run together. Not uncommon to harvest 2 toms in one sitting, adversely affecting the breeding dynamic of that flock/rafter and the propagating of future turkey conservation.

Thank you

Mark Bentley

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## Cardinal, Casey, DGF

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**From:** Gerald Coppler  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 15, 2018 2:37 PM  
**To:** DGF-Gamebird  
**Subject:** Turkey rule amendment

I agree that the youth only hunts dates should be moved to the weekends. Why isn't opening day for the rest of us also moved so it can begin on a Saturday?

## Cardinal, Casey, DGF

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**From:** Bunting  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 9:29 PM  
**To:** DGF-Gamebird  
**Subject:** Turkey proposal

There needs to be a early turkey season for the handicapped too.

Sent from my iPad

## Cardinal, Casey, DGF

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**From:** Sanchez, Jeff  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2018 9:07 AM  
**To:** Cardinal, Casey, DGF  
**Subject:** comment on Turkey Hunting

Hey Casey,

Hope all is well with you.

If you could please give me a call when you get a chance I would really appreciate it. You can call the cell number listed below or my personal cell at . .

Thanks Casey

Jeff

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Jeff Sanchez  
Supervisory Biologist  
Bosque del Apache NWR



MEMORANDUM  
DEPARTMENT OF GAME & FISH  
FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION



TO: Chad Ingram

FROM: Officer Don Norton, Officer Garrett Silva

SUBJECT: Washington Ranch youth turkey hunt.

DATE: 03/14/18

We would like to thank you for your participation in providing the New Mexico youth with such a unique hunting opportunity. It is our understanding Washington Ranch is willing to allow up to ten youth hunters to hunt turkeys on the private portions of the ranch. The hunt dates will be varied but will consist of no less than one weekend running concurrently with the state wide turkey hunt. The specific weekend will be determined at a later date. The duration of this agreement will be for a four year rule cycle and will be revisited near the completion of the cycle.

The hunts will be coordinated with the assistance of Washington Ranch personnel and will be conducted with safety being the main priority.

I have read and agree to the above mentioned terms.

  
Washington Ranch Representative

3/15/2018  
Date









# COMMENT CARD

New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

AGENDA ITEM: TURKEY QUOTE

PLEASE PRINT

Name: RICHARD WIND

Address:

City:

Phone:

Email:

Officially Representing: SELF  
(Organization(s))

Your Title:

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)

SUPPORT OPINION BLUEBIRD WMA  
FOR FALL + SPRING TURKEY HUNTING



**MEETING MINUTES  
NEW MEXICO STATE GAME COMMISSION  
Thursday June 21, 2018  
Raton Convention Center  
901 S. 3rd St.  
Raton, NM 87740  
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**A P P E A R A N C E S**

Chairman Paul Kienzle

Vice Chairman Bill Montoya

Game Commissioner Thomas Salopek

Game Commissioner Craig Peterson

Game Commissioner Ralph Ramos

Game Commissioner Bob Ricklefs

Game Commissioner Elizabeth Ryan

**A B S E N T**

None

[Audio begins here-Roll call]

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: Commissioner Ramos

COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Here.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: Commissioner Ryan.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: Present.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: Commissioner Ricklefs.

COMMISSIONER RICKLEFS: Here.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: Commissioner Salopek.

COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Present.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: Vice Chairman Montoya.

VICE CHAIRMAN MONTOYA: Here.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: Chairman Kienzle.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Present.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: Chairman Kienzle, I believe we have a quorum.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Public Rule Hearing, Hearing Item Number 1a. This is an informational portion. Rule making hearing on final rule changes on the Turkey Rule 19.31.16 NMAC for the 2019-2023 Hunting Seasons. Give me a moment to collect my thoughts here while I butcher this. This hearing will please come to order. My name is Paul Kienzle. I'm the Chairman of the State Game Commission. I will be serving as the Hearing Officer and be advised by the Commission's Council from the office of the Attorney General. The purpose of this hearing is for consideration of the Commission, by the Commission for the final adoption of the following proposed rules. I think I'm going to do both of these together this time and we'll vote on them rather than splitting them up. First hearing item is for the Commission to receive

public comment on proposed new Turkey Rule Title 19, Chapter 31, Part 16 of the New Mexico Administrative Code which will become effective April 1, 2019. The current Turkey Rule is set to expire on March 31, 2019. The second hearing item is for the Commission to receive public comment on proposed new Migratory Bird Rule, Title 19, Chapter 31, Part 6 of the New Mexico Administrative Code which will become effective on September 1, 2018. The current Migratory Bird Rule has expired on March 31, 2018. This hearing is being conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Game and Fish Act and the State Rules Act. The hearing is being audio tape recorded. Anyone interested in a copy of the audio tape should contact Sandra, waving her hand, with the Game and Fish --well, State Game Commission rather than the Game and Fish Commission. Public notice of this hearing was advertised in the New Mexico Register, the Albuquerque Journal and the Santa Fe New Mexican, in New Mexico Sunshine Portal, and on the Department's website. Copies of the proposed new rules have been available on the Department's Website and at the Department office. Those here today, if you're going to speak - do we have any comment cards on this? On any of these? Mikaela [Phonetic]? No? None. Those here today wishing to speak on this, please sign the Attendance Sheet at the back of the room which will later be entered into the record as an exhibit. This rule hearing will be conducted in the following manner. Staff will present pre-filed exhibits. Exhibits admitted into evidence are available for review by the public but exhibits may not be removed from this room. After all exhibits are entered we will proceed to the presentation of the proposed rule. Afterwards testimony will be taken from the audience, sort of. We don't really have an audience today. In order to ensure that the hearing is accurately recorded, only one person at a time shall be allowed to speak. Any person recognized to speak is asked to identify themselves by name, who they're affiliated with for the record each time you are recognized to speak, and speak loud and clearly

so the recorder can accurately record your comments. After a person has offered comment, they will stand for questions from the Hearing Officer and other Commissioners. The audience may also ask questions of anyone offering comments after being recognized by the Hearing Officer. This hearing is not subject to judicial rules of evidence, however, in the interest of efficiency, I reserve the right to eliminate any testimony deemed irrelevant, redundant or unduly repetitious. The Commission may discuss the proposed rules after the public comment portion of the hearing. Final Commission action, including adoption of the rules, may occur after the conclusion of the presentation and public comment period of the hearing. Let's see. We'll do the two informational parts and then we will close it and we'll get to it. So Item Number 1: Rule Making Hearing on Turkey Rule 19.31.6 NMAC for the – I'm sorry, 16 NMAC for the 2019-2023 Seasons. This hearing is now open. Are there any exhibits for proposed new part and rule to 19.31.16 for the record?

STEWART LILEY: Mr. Chairman, there are six exhibits. Exhibit 1, Notice of the Rulemaking; Exhibit 2, the Initial Proposed Rule; Exhibit 3, the Presentation being given to the Commission today; Exhibit 4, the Summary of the Proposed Changes; Exhibit 5, the Technical Information that we relied upon to build the rule; and Exhibit 6, which is the 13 Public Comments received as of the close of the Public Comments period.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Sprinkle Holy Water on those. They're admitted into evidence. Exhibits 1 through 6. Stewart, could you please introduce the Proposed New Rule for 19.31.16?

STEWART LILEY: Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, as we've discussed at the previous two Commission meetings, for the Turkey Rule, the main things are adjusting the Youth Seasons for the calendar date shifts, adding additional youth draws in GMU 30, opening additional areas for Spring Turkey Hunting, and also additional areas for Fall Turkey Hunting.



We received 13 public comments. We held three public meetings, one in Farmington, Las Cruces, and Albuquerque, and most of the comments were looking for additional hunting opportunities and also in agreement with the rule. Again, the rule will create a Spring Youth Hunt on the Washington Ranch in GMU 30. It would be one weekend during the regular youth season and up to 10 tags. We'd increase the number of tags in GMU 8 from 10 to 15 and we'd open additional areas for Spring Turkey such as GMU 2b, 33 and 50. We'd also open all WMAs except for the following list of WMAs for Spring Turkey. Additionally, we'd open fall areas for turkey such as 2b, 4, 5a, 39, 51 and 52, and all WMAs except for the following listed below. With that, I would take any questions.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: No public comment, correct? Still no public comment. Okay. Any questions from Commissioners? Comments? Yes, sir?

COMMISSIONER RICKLEFS: I noticed, Stewart, that you've removed all the language for Manner and Method in preparation for that previous.

STEWART LILEY: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Ricklefs, that is correct. So we are removing all Manner and Method from all the species rules to put in the one rule that you will see later this summer and into the fall.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Any other questions or comments? Are there any other exhibits anyone wants to enter into the record at this time? Seeing none --

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: Mr. Chairman, we actually do need to enter into Exhibit No. 7, which is the signature sheet for comments, reflecting that no comments have been made.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: It's totally blank. Okay. Exhibit 7 is admitted into the record as well.

Let the record show that this Rulemaking Hearing was adjourned at 12:41. Moving on to the action item portion of this. Can I get a motion on Item 1a, please?

COMMISSIONER RYAN: Mr. Chairman, I move to adopt the proposed changes to 19.31.16 NMAC as presented by the Department and allow the Department to make minor corrections to comply with filing this rule with State Records and Archives.

COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Second.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: All in favor?

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Any opposed? None.

NEW MEXICO STATE GAME COMMISSION

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**Alexandra Sandoval, Director and Secretary**

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**Date**

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**Paul M. Kienzle III, Chairman**  
**New Mexico State Game Commission**

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