

***Proposed Shooting Preserve
Application (19.35.3, NMAC), and
Sections 17-3-35 through 17-3-42,
NMSA, 1978***

Agenda item 9

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Regulated Shooting Preserve Act

Sections 17-3-35 through 17-3-42, NMSA 1978

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



Captive Wildlife Uses - Shooting Preserves

19.35.3 NMAC

- A regulated shooting preserve shall contain not less than 30 acres and not more than the number of contiguous deeded acres owned or controlled by the applicant.
- The shooting preserve shall be posted... after the State Game Commission has approved the application and before the permit can be issued.
- Where possible and reasonable, regulated shooting preserves should be fenced.



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- The shooting preserve season shall be in the period September 1 through March 31...
- Except for legally propagated game birds, all protected game found on shooting preserves may be harvested only in accordance with the regulations of the State Game Commission concerning seasons and bag and possession limits.
- Legally propagated game birds are limited to the following: pheasants, quail, chukars, and mallards.



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- The shooting preserve operator will keep a record of the total number and species of birds released and submit a year-end report to the Department.
- The shooting preserve, all birds, and all records shall be made available for inspection at any time.



Shooting Preserves in New Mexico

- There are 24 currently approved Shooting Preserves in 12 counties
- These preserves range from 160 to 155,534 acres in size (average = 2,775*)
- Among those active, the earliest approved was in 1966; 13 of 24 were approved prior to 2000
- All preserve licenses expire annually on 31 March



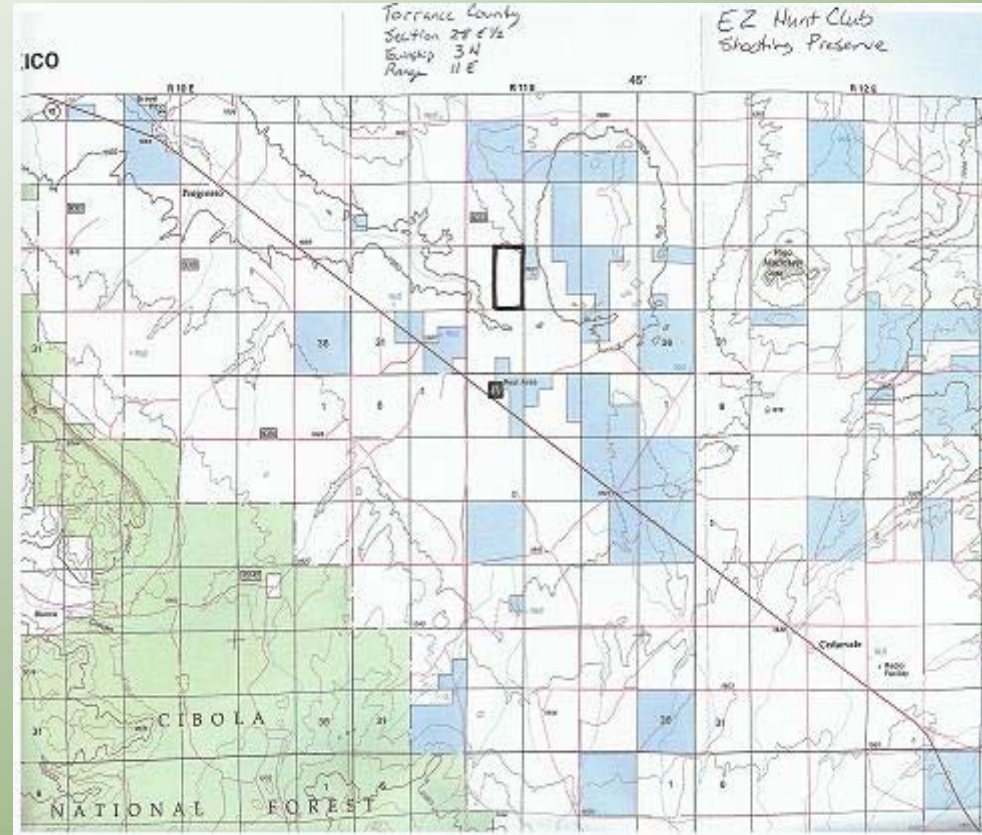
EZ Hunt Club Shooting Preserve

- Mr. Michael Mendez plans on releasing propagated
 - Pheasants, 600
 - Chukars, 200
- Game species that occur naturally on the property
 - Dove, Pronghorn Antelope



EZ Hunt Club Shooting Preserve

- The EZ Hunt Club is located approximately 8 miles northwest of Cedarvale in Torrance County, New Mexico
- The proposed shooting preserve would consist of 320 deeded acres.



Impacts on indigenous species

- We anticipate that propagated birds will not become established in this area.
- Normally, Gambel's, Bobwhite and Scaled (blue) quail occupy different micro-habitat types in areas that contain more than one species, however, some competition between the propagated and wild quail may exist.
- Department staff inspected the property and found no sign of native upland game birds.



EZ Hunt Club Shooting Preserve

- Conservation officers have inspected and found the property to be in suitable temporary holding habitat for propagated game birds.
- This shooting preserve, if approved, would provide increased hunter opportunity to this area.
- The property managers that adjoin the EZ Hunt Club Shooting Preserve were contacted in reference to the proposed shooting preserve. One landowner nearby had objections, she does not adjoin the EZ Hunt Club.

