



Wildlife Management Division

**Wild Turkey
19.31.16 NMAC**

May 15, 2014

**New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting
Albuquerque, NM**



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Public Comment

- **19 public comments as of May 11, 2014**
- **8 suggestions to adjust seasons**
- **7 suggestions for new hunts**
- **3 suggestions to increase or decrease permit numbers**



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Proposed Amendments:

- Combine the text of the Gould's Turkey Enhancement Permits Rule (19.31.20 NMAC) with the Turkey Rule (19.31.16 NMAC).
- Simplify hunt tables for greater clarity.




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Proposed Amendments:

Recommended hunt closures

- Sugarite State Park fall turkey hunts: excessive pressure. Requested by Sugarite staff.
- W.S. Huey WMA fall draw hunt (TUR-1-109): low population numbers. Requested by NMDGF staff.



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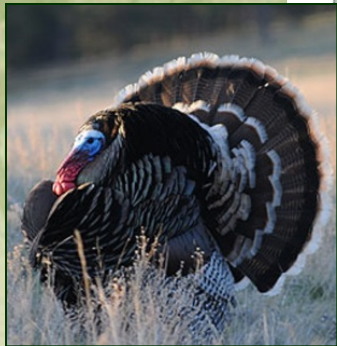
Proposed Amendments:

Recommended hunt/permit additions

- GMU 8: archery-only spring draw hunt (10 permits). Bag limit of one bearded turkey.
- Rattlesnake Canyon closure area on GMU 2A: youth-only draw hunt (5 permits). Bag limit of one bearded turkey. Make permits also valid for GMU 2B.
- GMU 2B: add 15 draw permits to spring turkey hunt.
- Statewide youth hunt: extend for one day (Friday) prior to spring season.



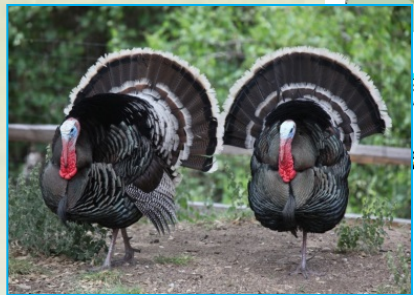
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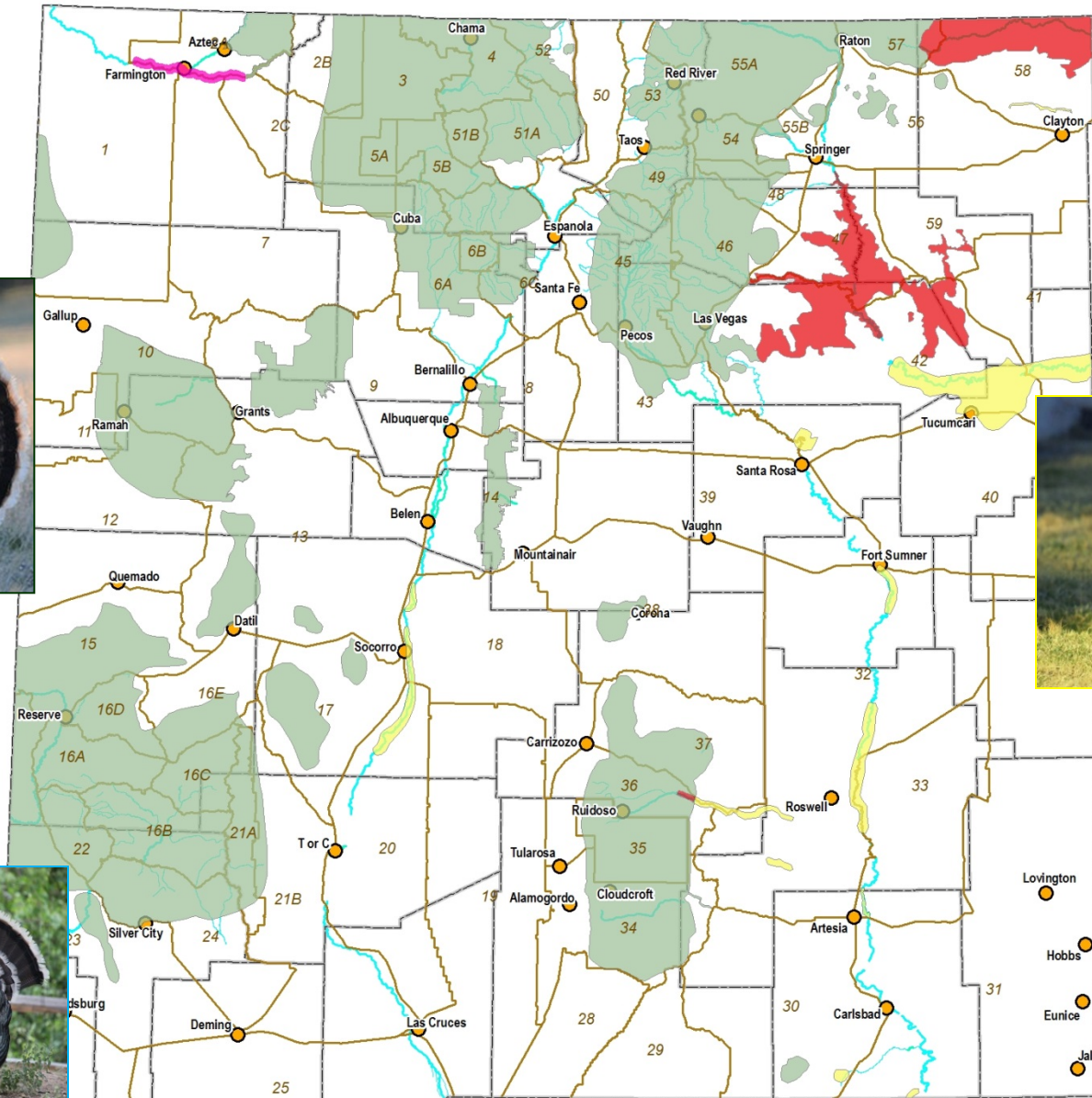
Merriam's



Rio Grande



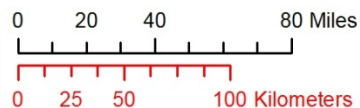
Gould's



Turkey Distribution

Subspecies

- Gould's
- Merriam's
- Rio Grande
- Rio Grande X Domestic Hybrid
- Overlapping Distribution of Rio Grande and Merriam's—Potential Hybridization



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