

# **Delisting Recommendation for Gould's Turkey**

**April 11, 2022**

**New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting  
Santa Fe, NM**





# Gould's Turkey Delisting Background

- **Gould's Turkey was listed under the WCA in 1974**
- **A recovery plan was approved by the Commission in early 2017**
- **Field research project**





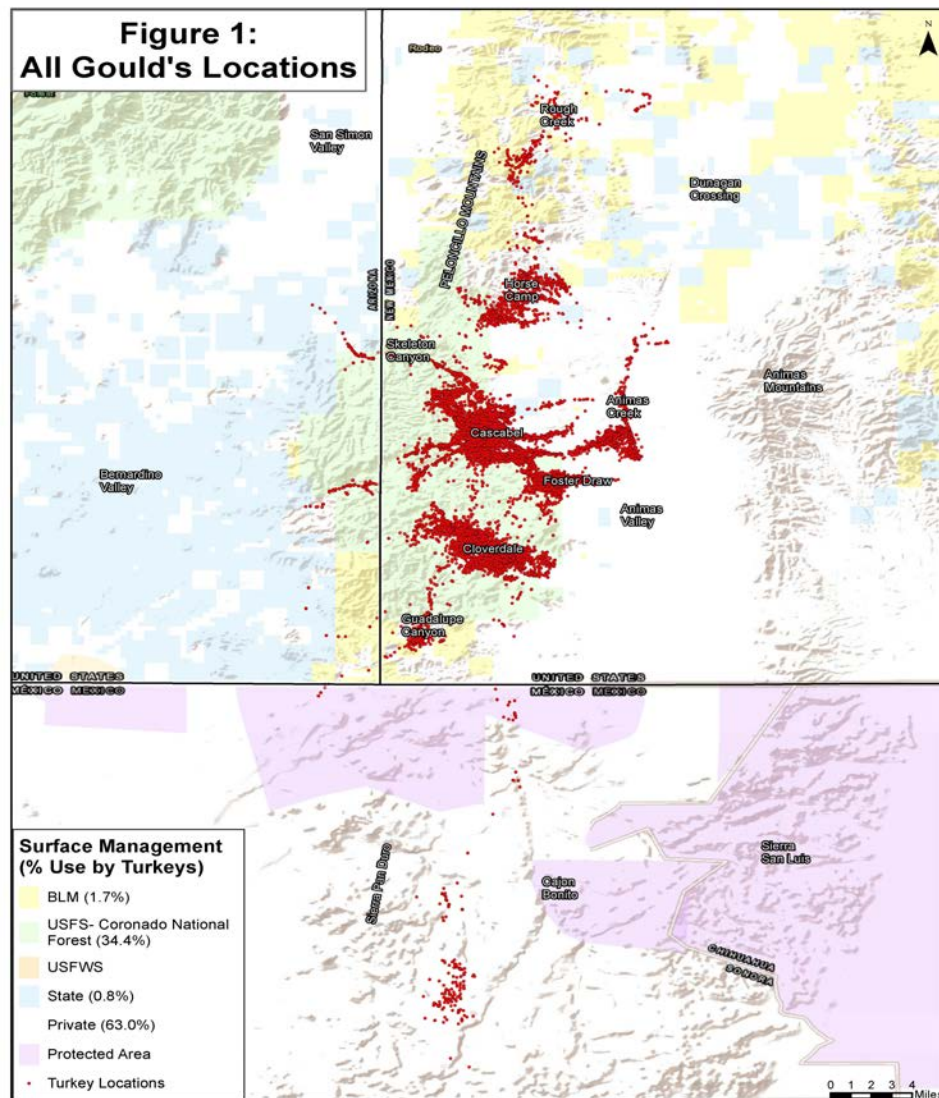
# **Gould's Turkey Recovery Plan Overview**

- **Recovery Plan Goal:**
  - **Ensure the long-term persistence of Gould's turkey within its historical range in New Mexico**
- **Objective:**
  - **Maintain a total population of at least 175 Gould's turkeys in the Peloncillo Mountains**





# Gould's Turkey Research: Telemetry Data



- Since May 2018, 53,500 GPS locations have been collected
- Detailed information can be found in the Delisting Investigation

# Gould's Turkey Research: Population Counts

Year	Primary Survey Area		Dunagan Crossing		Total Minimum Count	
	Winter Survey	Spring Survey	Winter Survey	Spring Survey	Winter Survey	Spring Survey
2019	n/a	166	n/a	14	n/a	180
2020	166	199	26	25	192	224
2021	207	230	17	16	224	246
2022	184	184	36	23	220	207





# **Gould's Turkey Delisting Investigation**

- **A Delisting Investigation was initiated by the Director on November 1, 2021**
- **Emails were sent to notify interested parties to the investigation, and to solicit additional data.**
- **The Delisting Investigation Report prepared by the Department underwent peer review**





# Peer Review Panel Evaluation

- **On the basis of evidence provided in the Delisting Investigation Report, the peer review panel unanimously supported the Department's recommendation to delist Gould's Turkey**





# **Gould's Turkey Delisting Public Involvement**

- **160-day Open Comment Period (April 12 – September 18) will be announced at Commission Meeting, through letters, on the Website, and in newspapers**
- **Public Meeting Dates:**
  - **Albuquerque (hybrid)- July 12 6:30 PM**
  - **Las Cruces (hybrid)- July 13 6:30 PM**
  - **Animas- tentatively July 14 6:30 PM**





# ***Questions?***

