

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

Prohibitions for Hunting and Taking Nongame Species on Wildlife Management Areas



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Chapter 17 NMSA authorizes the Game Commission to acquire and set aside lands as Wildlife Management Areas, and to establish rules defining allowable activities on those properties.



**19.31.10.15 LANDS AND WATERS
OWNED, ADMINISTERED,
CONTROLLED, OR MANAGED BY
THE STATE GAME COMMISSION:**



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- A. Posting of signs:** The state game commission may prohibit, modify, condition, or otherwise control the use of areas under its control by posting of signs as may be required in any particular area
- B. Violating provisions of posted signs:** It shall be unlawful to violate the provisions of posted signs on areas under the control of the state game commission



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C. Trespass on state game commission owned lands: It shall be unlawful to hunt, fish, camp, or trespass upon state game commission owned lands unless allowed under regulation or provided for under Subsection A.



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19.31.10.16 AREAS CLOSED TO HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING:

The following areas shall remain closed to hunting, fishing, and trapping, except as permitted by regulation.

C. All wildlife management areas (except non-game hunting shall be allowed on the Water canyon WMA January 1 through March 31 annually).



Areas Owned or Managed by the State Game Commission

Big Game Hunting on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs)

All WMAs are closed, unless specifically open. If designated open:

- Only New Mexico residents may apply for hunts held exclusively on WMAs. Nonresidents may only apply for hunts open concurrently on both WMA and other public lands.
- Camping, parking, travel, fire, horse, burro and pet restrictions apply on NMDGF lands. Check each WMA for rules and restrictions which may be posted. Trash barrels are not provided.
- Vehicle use is restricted to designated areas. Closed roads are clearly and conspicuously posted. Hunting and retrieving kills must be by foot or horseback on all WMAs.
- While hunting on a WMA a hunter may be accompanied by up to two guests.
- Hunting is **not allowed** for rabbits, coyotes, prairie dogs and other nongame animals on WMAs, unless specifically designated otherwise.





Welcome to the Rio Chama Wildlife Management Area

Acquired in 1954, this 13,000 acre property provides hunting, fishing, and wildlife viewing opportunities. It includes access to 12.5 miles of the Chama River and 4.5 miles of the El Vado reservoir shoreline. Piñon and juniper predominate the ridges overlooking the deep Chama Canyon. Resident wildlife include mule deer, elk, turkeys, and numerous birds.

Access Requirements

For hunting or fishing
For these activities you must possess a current New Mexico hunting or fishing license and a Habitat, Management and Access Validation (HMAV).



For wildlife viewing
Over 18 years of age or older, must possess a GAIN permit including a HMAV or possess a current New Mexico hunting, fishing or trapping license.

Getting licenses and permits

If you have not purchased a hunting or fishing license, a GAIN permit or a HMAV, you may do so by using the Quick Response Code on this sign or visiting our website at www.wildlife.state.nm.us. For assistance call (800) 248-6666.

If you would like to access the property today for wildlife viewing or camping, but are not able to purchase a GAIN permit or a HMAV at this time, please take one of the envelopes and mail your payment at a later date. This envelope will serve as a temporary access pass while you are here.

Facilities

There are no restrooms or drinking water available.

Thank you for visiting and supporting this property. Income from your purchase of a hunting, fishing or trapping license or GAIN permit and HMAV help fund habitat improvements for the benefit of New Mexico's wildlife and enjoyment of the public.



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Enjoy access to this property for the following wildlife associated recreation:

- Hunting** Licensed activity, governed by regulations for licensed hunts and the draw application system.
- Fishing** Licensed activity. Access to fishing is limited to designated areas from November 10 to February 29, dependent on water levels during that time. See www.wildlife.state.nm.us for more information.
- Wildlife viewing** Please review New Mexico Big Game & Fur Game, Small Game, Felling Rules & Information publications or website for license rules, information on seasonal restrictions, bag limits and regulations.

While you are here please follow these rules:

- Camping** Memorial Day weekend through November 15 is designated area for all 24-hour campfires. Exceptions required during this period.
- Campfires** Must be safely contained and extinguished.
- Pets** Must be leashed.
- Livestock feed** Must be certified feed.

To view or photograph wildlife you can travel on the property in the following ways:

- Hike**
- Bike** On marked, established roads.
- Ride**
- Drive** On established roads and in parking areas.

Activities that are not permitted:

- Off road vehicle travel
- Use of snow machines
- Defacing or removing rocks, minerals, plants, animals, firewood or man made features
- Excavation, injury, destruction, or removal of any cultural resource or artifact
- Violation of provisions on posted signs

Operation Game Thief: (800) 432-0253

The Rio Chama Wildlife Management Area is one of over 20 properties in New Mexico designated by the State Game Commission to be part of the Learning Forests in Public Lands program. The funds that sustain the care of GAIN properties can be viewed at <http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/gain>.

Scan this Quick Response code with your phone to reach the Game and Fish website.

ACCESS ENVELOPES



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