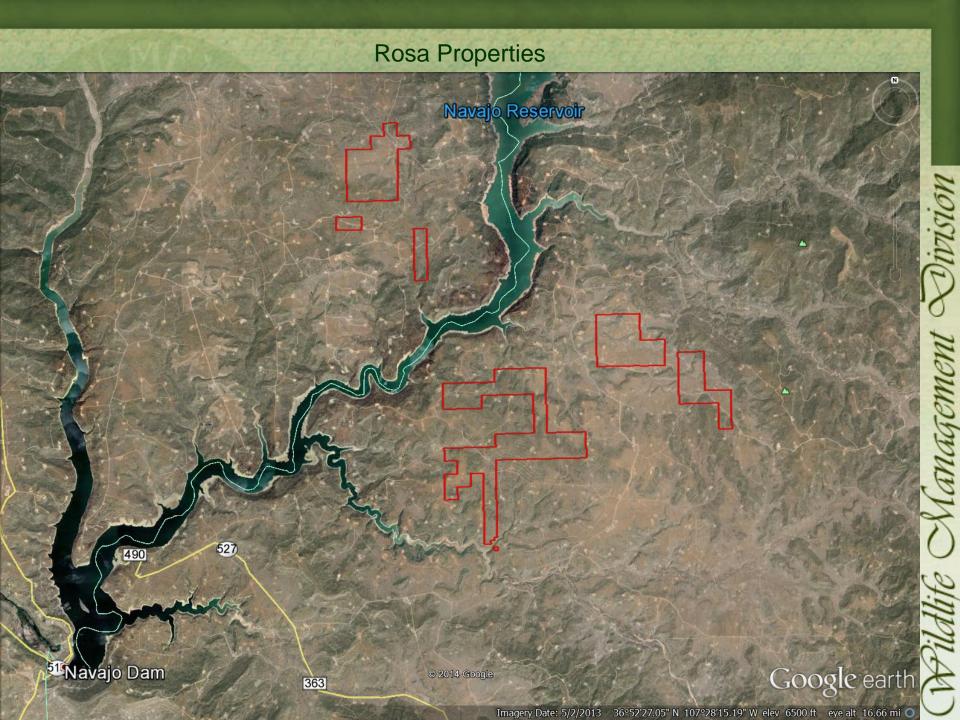


# Rosa Property Exchange with the Bureau of Land Management

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### **Rosa Properties**

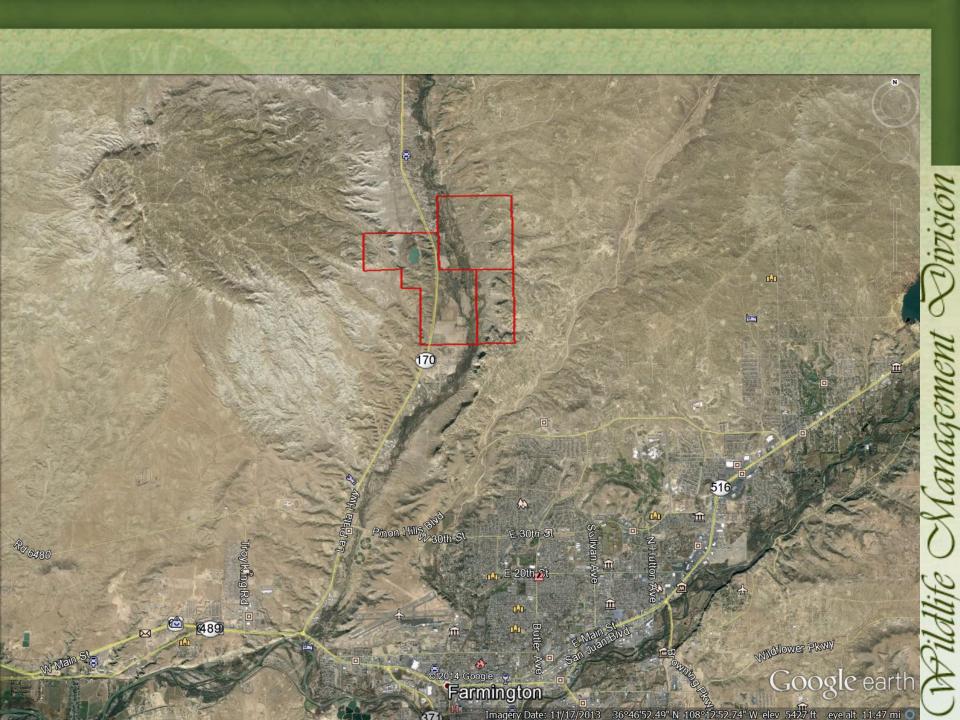
- The Rosa allotments, 4104 acres
- Acquired by the Department in 1960's
- The Rosa Allotment areas are fragmented parcels populated by native pasture and desert scrub savanna with Piñon/Juniper woodland



## Jackson Lake and Rosa Properties Ignacio <u>1</u> Farmington Bloomfield Google earth 36°49'20.92" N 107°47'25.76" W elev 6236 ft eye alt 54.03 mi

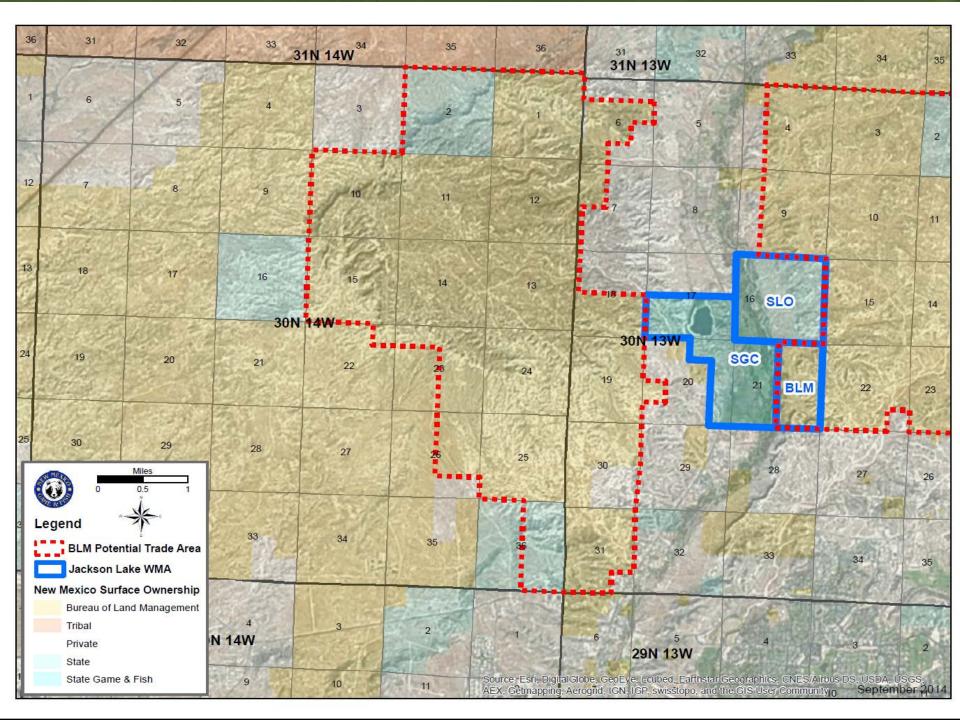
### **Jackson Lake WMA**

- Jackson Lake was constructed originally in the late nineteenth century for irrigation
- Five ponds are located on the Jackson WMA.
- Traditional crops and grains were farmed on the area until 1938.
- Pasture being utilized on the upper bench next to NM170.
- Acquired by the State Game Commission in the early 1940's



# Bureau of Land Management Lands of Interest (Piñon Mesa)

- Contiguous with Jackson Lake WMA
- Increases the size of Jackson Lake WMA and provides for improved mule deer habitat
- Allows for the Department to regulate activities that impact wildlife and wildlife habitat
- Trade will transfer to the State Game Commission approximately 13,010 acres, which includes the 320 acres in the Jackson Lake MOU we currently manage.



### **Benefits of the Land Exchange**

- Rosa Allotments are fragmented and intermixed with other Jurisdictions and all mineral rights are Federal.
- Rosa Allotments are highly impacted by Natural Gas extraction and exploration.
- Rosa Allotments are impacted by wild horse overgrazing.
- Jackson Lake WMA is subject to urban encroachment.
- Jackson Lake WMA adjacent to BLM open space properties has a spill over of public use on a restricted use Wildlife area.
- Jackson Lake offers a range of wildlife habitat, access to water and forage.
   However is limited by its small size.



### Questions?

#### **Solutions**

The Department proposes an exchange of the Rosa Allotment parcels for BLM held properties in the Piñon Mesa area adjacent to Jackson Lake.

#### The Department is interested in the following BLM held parcels:

T30North, R13West: Sections (or portions thereof) 6, 7, 18, 19, 20, 21, 30, 31 and T30North, R14West: Sections (or portions thereof) 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26.

- A potential trade of the entire Rosa Allotments parcels for BLM property adjacent to Jackson WMA western boundaries known as the Piñon Mesa Area and adjacent a half section on the eastern boundaries of BLM land in the Glade area. Will be based on equivalent values of Commission and Bureau owned properties.
- A trade would help preserve a habitat threatened by urban encroachment and increased motorized traffic at Jackson Lake WMA.
- A trade would free the BLM management of the development the Natural Gas industry without jurisdictional issues.

