

**TITLE 19 NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**  
**CHAPTER 34 WILDLIFE HABITAT AND LANDS**  
**PART 5 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS**

**19.34.5.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico department of game and fish.  
[19.34.5.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.34.5.1 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

**19.34.5.2 SCOPE:** Department staff, licensed hunters, anglers and trappers and other users as allowed by rule.  
[19.34.5.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.34.5.2 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

**19.34.5.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Sections 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to identify game refuges and to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purposes of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978.  
[19.34.5.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.34.5.3 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

**19.34.5.4 DURATION:** Permanent.  
[19.34.5.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.34.5.4 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

**19.34.5.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2023, unless a different date is cited at the end of a section.  
[19.34.5.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.34.5.5 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

**19.34.5.6 OBJECTIVE:** To identify wildlife management areas created by the state game commission.  
[19.34.5.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.34.5.6 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

**19.34.5.7 DEFINITIONS:**

- A.** “Department” shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.
  - B.** “Wildlife management area” shall mean an area of land owned or controlled by the state game commission and designated by the commission or department as a wildlife management area.
- [19.34.5.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.34.5.7 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

**19.34.5.8 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS:**

- A.** Bear Canyon lake wildlife management area is located approximately 2 miles north of Mimbres and is more fully described in deeds on file in Grant county and with the department.
- B.** Belen wildlife management area is part of the Ladd S. Gordon complex and is located approximately 2 miles south of Belen and is more fully described in deeds on file in Valencia county and with the department.
- C.** Bernardo wildlife management area, part of the Ladd S. Gordon complex, is located approximately 15 miles south of Belen and is more fully described in deeds on file in Socorro county and with the department.
- D.** Bernardo wildlife management area, Simms donation, part of the Ladd S. Gordon complex, is located approximately 16 miles south of Belen and is more fully described in deeds on file in Socorro county and with the department.
- E.** Bert Clancy wildlife management area is located between Pecos and Cowles and is more fully described in deeds on file in San Miguel county and with the department.
- F.** Bill Evans lake wildlife management area is located approximately 8 miles south of Cliff and is more fully described in deeds on file in Grant county and with the department.
- G.** Bluebird wildlife management area is located approximately 6 miles southeast of Cuba on state road 126 and is more fully described in deeds on file in Sandoval county and with the department.
- H.** Casa Colorada wildlife management area, part of the Ladd S. Gordon complex, is located approximately 7 miles southeast of Belen on the east side of the Rio Grande and is more fully described in deeds on file in Valencia county and with the department.

- I.** Charette lakes wildlife management area is located approximately 23 miles southwest of Springer and is more fully described in deeds on file in Mora county and with the department.
- J.** Clayton lake wildlife management area is located approximately 15 miles north of Clayton and is more fully described in deeds on file in Union county and with the department.
- K.** Colin Neblett wildlife management area is located immediately east of the village of Eagle Nest and Eagle Nest lake and is more fully described in deeds on file in Colfax county and with the department.
- L.** Double E wildlife management area is located approximately 6 miles northeast of Gila and is more fully described in deeds on file in Grant county and with the department.
- M.** Eagle Nest lake wildlife management area is located immediately south of the village of Eagle Nest and is more fully described in deeds on file in Colfax county and with the department.
- N.** Edward Sargent wildlife management area is located immediately north of Chama and is more fully described in deeds on file in Rio Arriba county and with the department.
- O.** Elliott Barker wildlife management area is located approximately 15 miles northwest of Cimarron and is more fully described in deeds on file in Colfax county and with the department.
- P.** Fenton lake wildlife management area is located approximately 9 miles north of Jemez Springs and is more fully described in deeds on file in Sandoval county and with the department.
- Q.** Glenwood Allred wildlife management area is located immediately south of Glenwood and is more fully described in deeds on file in Catron county and with the department.
- R.** Hammond Tract wildlife management area is located approximately 2 miles east of Blanco and is more fully described in deeds on file in San Juan county and with the department.
- S.** Heart Bar wildlife management area is located approximately 36 miles north of Silver City and is more fully described in deeds on file in Grant and Catron counties, and with the department.
- T.** Jackson lake wildlife management area is located approximately 8 miles northwest of Farmington along the La Plata river and includes management of state land office section 16 and bureau of land management section 21 and is more fully described in deeds on file in San Juan county and with the department.
- U.** La Joya wildlife management area, part of the Ladd S. Gordon complex, is located approximately 20 miles south of Belen and is more fully described in deeds on file in Socorro county and with the department.
- V.** Lake Roberts wildlife management area is located approximately 20 miles north of Silver City and is more fully described in deeds on file in Grant county and with the department.
- W.** Marquez wildlife management area is located approximately 25 miles north of Laguna and is more fully described in deeds on file in McKinley and Sandoval counties and with the department.
- X.** McAllister lake wildlife management area is located approximately 7 miles southeast of Las Vegas and is more fully described in deeds on file in San Miguel county and with the department.
- Y.** Marquez/LBar wildlife management area is located approximately 25 miles north of Laguna and is more fully described in deeds on file in Cibola, McKinley and Sandoval counties and with the department.
- Z.** Mimbres Tract wildlife management area is located approximately 1 mile southeast of Mimbres, and is more fully described in deeds on file in Grant county and with the department.
- AA.** Navajo wildlife management areas are located approximately 10 miles northeast of Navajo Lake and are more fully described in deeds on file in San Juan county, Rio Arriba county and with the department.
- BB.** Pine river wildlife management area is located approximately 1 mile south of the Colorado border off state road 511 and is more fully described in deeds on file in San Juan county and with the department.
- CC.** Prairie-chicken wildlife management areas are located throughout Chaves, DeBaca, Lea and Roosevelt counties and are more fully described in deeds on file in said counties and with the department.
- DD.** Red Rock wildlife management area is approximately 26 miles north of Lordsburg and is more fully described in deeds on file in Grant county and with the department.
- EE.** Retherford wildlife management area is located approximately 3 miles southeast of Bloomfield and is more fully described in deeds on file in San Juan county and with the department.
- FF.** Rio Chama wildlife management area is located approximately 14 miles south of Chama, bordering El Vado reservoir and the Chama river, and is more fully described in deeds on file in Rio Arriba county and with the department.
- GG.** Rio de los Pinos wildlife management area is located approximately 10 miles southwest of Antonito, Colorado and is more fully described in deeds on file in Rio Arriba county and with the department.
- HH.** River Ranch wildlife management area is located approximately 24 miles northwest of Deming and is more fully described in deeds on file in Grant county, Luna county, and with the department.
- II.** San Simon Cienega wildlife management area is located approximately 16 miles northwest of Animas and is more fully described in deeds on file in Hidalgo county and with the department.

**JJ.** Socorro-Escondida wildlife management area is located approximately 3 miles northeast of Socorro and is more fully described in deeds on file in Socorro county and with the department.

**KK.** Tres Piedras wildlife management area is located approximately 5 miles southeast of Tres Piedras and is more fully described in deeds on file in Taos county and with the department.

**LL.** Tucumcari lake wildlife management area is located immediately east of Tucumcari and is more fully described in deeds on file in Quay county and with the department.

**MM.** Urraca wildlife management area is located approximately 12 miles north of Questa and is more fully described in deeds on file in Taos county and with the department.

**NN.** Wagon Mound wildlife management area is located approximately 1 mile north of Wagon Mound and is more fully described in deeds on file in Mora county and with the department.

**OO.** Water canyon wildlife management area is located approximately 18 miles northeast of Grants by Mount Taylor and is more fully described in deeds on file in Cibola county and with the department.

**PP.** William A. Humphries wildlife management area is located approximately 10 miles west of Chama, south of US highway 64/84 and is more fully described in deeds on file in Rio Arriba county and with the department.

**QQ.** William S. Huey wildlife management area is located approximately 2 miles north of Artesia and is more fully described in deeds on file in Eddy county and with the department.

[19.34.5.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.34.5.8 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

#### **HISTORY OF 19.34.5 NMAC:**

Pre-NMAC History: The material in this Part was derived from that previously filed with the State Records Center and Archives:

DGF 67-10, Order No. 14-67, Creating Miller Mesa Game Refuge, No. 319, 9/22/67.

DGF 70-7, Order No. 4-70, Creating Alcalde Refuge, No. 320, 8/24/70.

DGF 70-7, Amendment No. 1, Order No. 2-74, Re-Creating the Alcalde Game Refuge, No. 320, 3/6/74.

DGF 70-10, Order No. 9-70, Amending the Artesia Game Refuge, No. 318, 12/9/70.

DGF 81-3, Order No. 5-81, New Boundaries for the Artesia Game Refuge, No. 318, 5/27/81.

Order No. 5-85, New Boundaries for the Artesia Waterfowl Management Area No. 318, 9/11/85.

Order No. 1-86, Changing the Name of the Artesia Waterfowl Management Area No. 318 to the William S. Huey Waterfowl Management Area No. 318, 3/25/86.

DGF 72-10, Order No. 6-72, Amending the Bernardo State Game Refuge, No. 314, 8/15/72.

DGF 72-10, Amendment No. 1, Order No. 2-76, Amending the Bernardo State Game Refuge, No. 314, 5/25/76.

DGF 72-10, Amendment No. 2, Order No. 6-79, Amending Boundaries of Bernardo State Game Refuge, No. 314, and Providing for Retriever Trial and Training on a Portion of the Refuge, 7/27/79.

Order No. 4-83, Amending Boundaries of Bernardo State Game Refuge, No. 314, and Providing for Retriever Trials and Training on a Portion of the Refuge, 9/7/83.

DGF 72-13, Order No. 8-72, Regulating Hunting on Certain State Lands, 9/26/72.

DGF 74-1, Order No. 16-73, Amending the La Cueva State Game Refuge, No. 300, 1/3/74.

DGF 75-10, Order No. 7-74, Creating the Mary S. Sprague State Game Refuge, No. 321, 10/28/75.

DGF 79-5, Order No. 4-79, Amendment to No. 3 to the Boundary Description of the Big Hatchet Game Refuge, No. 10, 6/27/79.

Order No. 11-81, Amending Fort Bayard Game Refuge, 8/19/81.

Order No. 2-82, Creating the Casa Colorada State Game Refuge, No. 322, 3/2/82.

Order No. 1-83, Hunting on State Game Refuges, 3/9/83.

Order No. 7-86, Creating the Ladd S. Gordon Wildlife Management Area, 1/5/87.

#### History of Repealed Material:

DGF 73-5, Order No. 7-73, Abolishing the La Huerta State Game Refuge, No. 311, 5/31/73.

Order No. 15-81, Abolishing the La Cueva State Game Refuge No. 300, 9/4/81.

Order No. 3-82, Abolishing the Organ Mountains and San Simon State Game Refuges, 3/2/82.

Order No. 14-82, Abolishing the San Juan State Game Refuge, 12/15/82.

Order No. 1-87, Abolishing the Miller Game Refuge - Repealed 6/4/87.

19.34.5 NMAC, Wildlife Management Areas, filed 12/1/99 - Repealed effective 7/15/13.

19.34.5 NMAC, Wildlife Management Areas, filed 6/27/2013 - Repealed effective 4/1/2023.