



VERMEJO



TURNER RANCH  
OUTFITTING

## VERMEJO TURKEY HUNTS

### SPRING TURKEY

- Spring turkey hunt season in New Mexico runs April 15 through mid-May annually coinciding with the peak of breeding season. Vermejo offers two 4-day hunts and one 3-day hunt.
- Vermejo boasts a proactive forest management program that is helping to restore the ponderosa pine habitat that is preferred by Merriam's Turkeys, thus maintaining a healthy population across the property.
- Merriam's beards are generally not as full or as long as the Rio Grande and their spurs are usually shorter due to the constant wear from the rocky ledges and trails they travel.
- April is springtime in the Sangre de Cristo mountains and weather can be unpredictable. Hunters should be prepared for rain, snow, sunshine, or a combination of all three.
- A premium hunt includes a maximum limit of two turkeys per hunter. Expect to locate gobbling toms, then they can be called into range by an experienced guide using a variety of calls and tactics.
- All hunts are performed from a modern, 4x4 vehicle\* with experienced Vermejo hunt guides, who we try to pair with hunters based on the needs and abilities of our hunting guests.
- Turkeys in general are renowned for their sharp eyesight, however Merriam's tend to be less wary than their eastern counterparts making for a high probability of success.
- The turkey population is spread across the vast majority of the property and hunters should expect to spend a reasonable amount of time in the truck, stopping periodically to locate birds. This is, however, a great way to get to experience the variety of habitats and wildlife Vermejo has to offer.
- We do not guarantee success; if you are simply looking for an enormous trophy animal, Vermejo is not the place for you. We encourage all our guests to focus their experience on this incredible property.