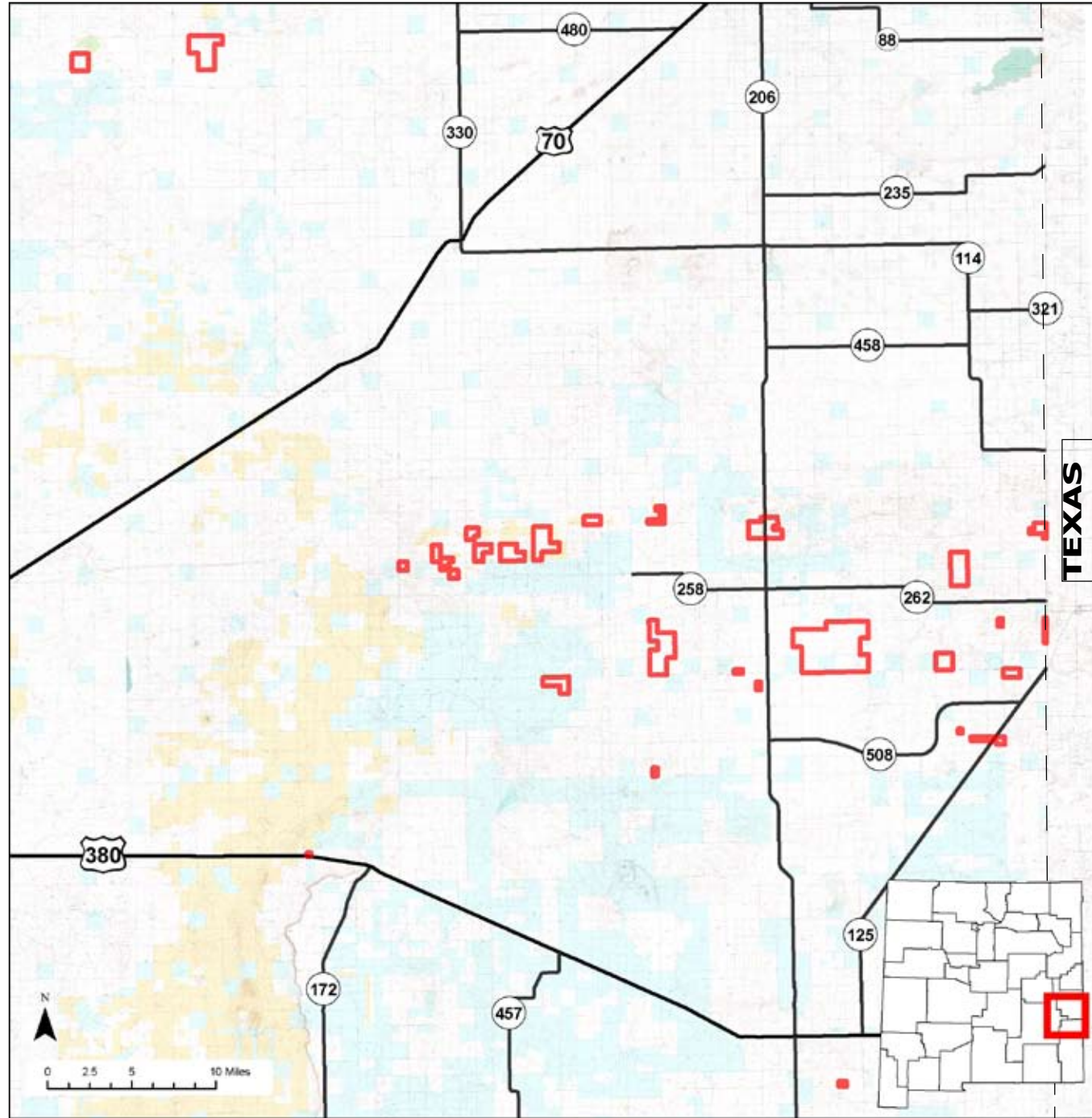




Prairie Chicken Wildlife Areas



Location: The Prairie Chicken Wildlife Areas are located in various parcels about 25 miles southeast of Portales.

Total Acreage: More than 21,621 acres.

Purchase: The Prairie Chicken Areas were purchased beginning in 1940 to provide habitat for the preservation and restoration of the lesser prairie chicken.

Description: The properties are scattered over the grasslands of south-eastern New Mexico. Common plants in the sand hills include tall and short grass species and shinnery oak.

For More information: More information about hunting, fishing and other activities, may be found on the Department's website: www.wildlife.state.nm.us/.

GAIN Activities	What to See, Do, and Learn
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Wildlife Viewing ✓ Photographing 	<p>Wildlife Viewing-Wildlife watchers may see various bird species including lesser prairie chickens from June 30-February 15. Good binoculars are important. The best time to view wildlife is at dawn or dusk.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Hiking ✓ Bicycling ✓ Horseback Riding 	<p>Photographing-The best time to photograph wildlife is at dawn or dusk. A telephoto lens may be important.</p> <p>Hiking-Hiking is the best way to see wildlife at the Prairie Chicken Wildlife Areas from June 30-February 15 or other wildlife management areas.</p> <p>Bicycling-Allowed only on established roads.</p> <p>Horseback Riding-Allowed from June 30-February 15.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Hunting and Fishing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Hunting ✓ No fishing opportunities 	<p>Camping-Not allowed at any of the Prairie Chicken Wildlife Areas.</p> <p>Fishing-There are no fishing opportunities.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Closures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Yes 	<p>Hunting-No hunting is allowed for lesser prairie chickens. Deer and small game hunting is allowed by licensed and permitted hunters.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ No rest rooms ✓ No camp sites ✓ No drinking water 	<p>Closures-The Prairie Chicken Areas are closed to all access from February 16-June 29.</p> <p>Facilities-There are no rest rooms, camp sites, or drinking water at any of the Prairie Chicken Areas.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Fees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Yes 	<p>Fees-Hunters must have appropriate licenses and permits. Wildlife viewers, hikers, photographers, bicyclists, and horseback riders must have a valid license or permit. See the Department's website www.wildlife.state.nm.us for more information.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Motorized Vehicles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Not allowed beyond the roadways and parking areas 	<p>Motorized Vehicles-Not allowed beyond roadways and parking areas.</p>
<p>For more information on hunting and fishing rules and seasons, please read current hunting or fishing Rules and Information Booklets available on the Department's website, at Department offices, or from license vendors state-wide.</p>	