

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
BANDELIER NATIONAL MONUMENT
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

January 31, 1944

MEMORANDUM for the Regional Director, Region Three.

*Plan for
Feeding
Turkeys*

Reference is made to Assistant Naturalist Dodge's memorandum of January 19, 1944 with respect to cooperating with the State Game Department in feeding turkeys on Ramon Vigil Grant. Warm weather the past two weeks has resulted in considerable thawing on the ridges and south slopes. It is not now believed that the turkeys are in need of feeding as long as they can get some forage on the cleared areas.

We will undoubtedly have some heavy snows through February and March and due to the already severe winter, it is believed that the birds should have some feed to see them thru the spring. Anticipating several heavy snows before spring really gets here, it is believed that we should have a few sacks of grain on hand at the monument to scatter immediately after heavy snows. If the Game Department would like to have us care for the birds in this vicinity, we should be glad to pick up two or three sacks of grain the next time we are in Santa Fe with the truck and keep it on hand here for immediate use in case of need. In case we do not use it all, it could be returned to them when warm weather really gets here to stay.

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