

THE LAY OF THE LAND

Located in idyllic central New Mexico, the Gran Quivira Ranch sits amid a landscape of expansive, rolling plains, junipers, and barbed wire fences. Mountains rise in the distance, breaking the wide-open spaces. Overhead, hawks ride the currents in a sky bigger than you've ever seen, as cattle lazily loll away the day in fields of pristine vegetation and grasses...

It's a quietly beautiful land and life under vast, scenic skies. A world of its own, the ranch borders stunning mountain ranges, and expansive national forest lands. There are plenty of options within easy reach when the occasion should arise to venture off the serene, self-contained ranch.

In its entirety, the Gran Quivira terrain stretches across three counties for a total of 20,480 acres, making it a gem of an opportunity to own and operate a highly desirable, productive land mass. There are so many possibilities in regard to land, wildlife, livestock grazing, income potential, horseback riding, recreational and eco-tourism activities, and more... The wide-open sky is truly the limit.

THE TERRAIN

With a central, accessible New Mexico location, in an area known for its mild climate, ideal elevation, productive pastures and diverse landscapes, the ranch is a haven for cattle and wildlife, and a secluded retreat or pristine playground for its residents.

Nestled in the foothills of the Gallinas Mountains, with views of the Monzano Mountains to the northwest, elevations range from 6,200 to 6,600 feet. The East Cibola National Forest borders the ranch to the north.

The ranch has its share of one seed juniper and areas of cholla cactus, but also contains vast expansions of open areas. There are a few areas of rock out cropping but horseback work can be done on unshod horses for the most part.

The ranch is contiguous within three counties, Torrance, Lincoln, and Socorro. The headquarters is approximately 4 miles from Hwy 55.

THE LAND ACREAGE & OPPORTUNITIES

This ranch consists of 20,480– which adds to the appreciation and use flexibility (versus leased land).

Ownership enhances the investment value and the ability to diversify and improve an operation without government approval. Hunting opportunities are also greatly improved with deeded land.

Grazing sections are maintained for efficiency and ease of use. The ranch could easily be rated at 250 cows. Each section has a carrying capacity of 10-12 pairs, depending on rain. The ranch would also work well as a yearling operation.

PASTURES

With highly productive year-round pastures and grasslands, and a mild climate, livestock raising is a natural fit in Central New Mexico, and at the Gran Quivira Ranch. Cattle have become the primary livestock of the market area ranches.

The pastures across the length of the ranch are productive and sustainable with a rotational grazing system in place. Maintenance and annual operating costs are low, and the cattle thrive on the open-range with a largely grass-fed diet.

VEGETATION

The soils vary throughout the ranch from sandy to a red loam, and the natural sources of vegetation include an excellent variety of grasses, spring weeds, and browses throughout the units and pastures. The predominant grasses are Black Gramma, Blue Gramma, Side Oats, Little Blue, and Western Wheat. There is also Winter Fat, and Four Wing Sagebrush.

LAND IMPROVEMENTS

The completed and current land improvements have been highly successful, increasing carrying capacity and enhancing the wildlife opportunities.

There has been extensive brush control on the ranch with 1,400 acres completed and another 1,280 acres underway for completion. All control projects are done with mastication equipment and the range response has been tremendous.

HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

In an area famous for its quality animals, the ranch is home to a thriving population of wildlife and provides some of the best game hunting in the region. A couple great perks that come with being a private land owner are the hunting management and income opportunities now available!

Gran Quivira is home to about a 200 resident antelope herd, elk herds during migration, loads of deer, and occasional Oryx. Coyote, cougar and bobcat are also available for harvest.

Recent changes in New Mexico Game and Fish rules have upped the hunting ante at the ranch, and made it more of a focus. The changes give a private land owner much more flexibility in managing the game on the ranch with opportunities to optimize income potential.

Private landowners now have the ability to sell hunting permits, including:

- Unlimited over-the-counter antelope hunt permits.
 - Deer permits – allowed during regular hunts at owner’s discretion.
 - Contiguous 5-day Elk hunt permits – allowed Oct. 1 to Dec. 31.
 - 30-day Oryx permits – available during regular hunts.
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