

NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH
1 Wildlife Way
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87507

**AGREEMENT FOR UNITIZATION OF STATE LEASED, BLM LEASED, AND PRIVATELY OWNED OR
 LEASED LANDS FOR I BAR X**

It is the desire of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish ("Department") to optimize hunting and fishing opportunities consistent with good management. The following Agreement for Unitization of State Leased, BLM Leased, and Privately Held Land ("Agreement") is between, as applicable, the authorized Private land occupant, Bureau of Land Management ("BLM"), NM State Land Office ("State Land") and Department, as indicated by the signatories hereto for the purpose of setting aside a contiguous block of land open to hunting and/or fishing and minimizing interference to the grazing lessee or holders of other rights. Only a party with land affected by this Agreement shall be required to be a signatory hereto.

The following land shall be deemed **OPEN** for public hunting and fishing, unless otherwise provided:

Private 4000; State Lands 0; BLM 0; Other 0.

Legal description:

T10S R9E Section 1 (less 40 BLM-NE1/4 or NE1/4); Section 10 NE1/4 and NE1/4 of SE1/4; Section 11; Section 12; Section 13 W1/2; Section 14; Section 15 (less BLM S1/2 or SE1/4); Section 22 NW1/4 of NW1/4; Section 23 NE1/4 and E1/2 of NW1/4; Section 24 NW1/4.

Total number of acres: 4,000

In exchange for the privilege of **CLOSING**, to hunting and fishing, unless otherwise provided, BLM leased and/or State Land described as follows: (state land closed is landlocked and legally inaccessible)

Private 0; State Lands 3,240; BLM 0; Other 0.

Legal description:

T9N R10E Section 2 (except NE1/2 N1/2 of SW1/4); Section 14 N1/2 of SE1/4; SW1/4; Section 15; Section 26; Section 27 (except for SW1/4 of SW1/4); Section 34 (except for N1/2 of NW1/4).

Total number of acres: 3,240

It is mutually understood that the Department and the lessee of BLM, and/or State Land or his, her, or their representatives or assigns, will furnish information regarding the tract of land (both leased and privately held) open to hunting and fishing upon request. Also, the Department may place signs, in conspicuous places, by which licensed hunters and anglers will be notified that the BLM and State Land, as applicable, have been **UNITIZED** and an area has been set aside for hunting and fishing purposes, as applicable.

Under this Agreement, it is understood that State Land for which the **UNITIZED** area is substituted shall not be subject to the terms of the Department Easement with State Land and is subject to posting. Enforcement of trespass upon BLM and/or State Land for which the **UNITIZED** area is substituted shall not be the responsibility of the Department.

It is further understood that the private land involved in this Agreement shall be treated as if it were public land and shall be subject to all relevant rules and regulations governing hunting and fishing on State Land and, when applicable, BLM lands.

This Agreement shall be effective on the last to occur of the date of last signature by the Commissioner of Public Lands, Private land occupant, or the Department Director, and once the Department has received a letter of support of this Agreement from the local BLM Field Office, and shall expire March 31 of the following year.

Special provisions or restrictions:

This agreement shall be in effect only during the regularly scheduled elk hunts in unit 36.

I BAR X will provide access to the Water Canyon Campground during the deer hunts.

I BAR X will leave keys at the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office during deer hunts and during quail season.

No camping will be permitted in the Godfrey Hills area except on BLM lands.

Ranch Name: I BAR X

Ranch Owner: Stephenson Ranch Inc. Foreman/Representative: Mark Hendricks

Address: P.O. Box 307

City, State, Zip Code: Carrizozo, NM 88301

Phone Number: 575-648-2606

Email Address:
Hendricks@tularosa.net

SIGNATURES

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Cooperative Agreement to be executed as of the date of last signature below.

Privately land occupant:

Name: Mark Hendricks Date: 2/18/26

Signature: Mark Hendricks

New Mexico State Land Office:

By Commissioner of ^{Public Lands} Sunali Stewart Date: 4/22/2026
Signature: _____ Date: _____

New Mexico Department of Game & Fish

By Micahel Sloane, Director

Signature: Michael B. Sloane Digitally signed by Michael B. Sloane
Date: 2026.03.06 14:32:01 -07'00'

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_____	Map(s)
_____	Restrictions / Provisions
_____	Justifications
_____	Copies made