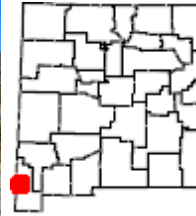




Weatherby Ranch, Cotton City, OG.155



Access Type: Hunting, Trapping.

Access hrs: 2 hrs before sunrise to 2 hrs after sunset.

GMU: 27

Information and habitat: Weatherby Ranch consists of 3,200 deeded acres located just west of Cotton City, NM. The lower elevations of Weatherby Ranch are dominated by desert grassland interspersed with honey mesquite and creosote bush. These habitats attract Javelina, dove, quail and act as travel corridors for mule deer. Approximately 118 acres in this lower elevation consists of an irrigated agricultural field planted in corn and winter wheat attracting Sandhill cranes, dove, quail, Javelina, and mule deer. Higher elevations support mule deer, quail, and dove.

Permitted Uses: Hunting and trapping is permitted on this property during the seasons and dates specified in the Open Gate lease agreement between the Department of Wildlife and the landowner. Access to the property is subject to the terms and conditions in the Open Gate lease agreement and is restricted to the following permitted activities:

Permitted Activities	Available Dates	Remarks
Dove Hunting	Please see the 2026-2027 Hunting Rules and Information. <i>Page 142: Upland Game Page 145: Migratory Game Birds</i> 	Refer to Migratory Game Bird Supplement 
Quail Hunting	Please see the 2026-2027 Hunting Rules and Information. <i>Page 142: Upland Game</i> 	
Sandhill Crane Hunting*	Refer to Migratory Game Bird Supplement 	*Southwest Area Draw Hunters Only
Bighorn Sheep Hunting*	Nov. 16 – 30, 2026 Please see the 2026-2027 Hunting Rules and Information. <i>Page 106: Bighorn Sheep</i> 	Peloncillos Area - *Draw hunts only. Dates are specific to hunt code.

Open Gate is a program that leases private lands to improve public access for hunting, fishing, and trapping. Open Gate leases are funded exclusively by hunters, anglers, and trappers through the purchase of the Habitat Management and Access Validation (HMAV).

Weatherby Ranch

Deer Hunting*	Any legal weapon: Nov. 7 – 11, 2026 Nov. 14 – 18, 2026 Nov. 21 – 25, 2026 Dec. 5 – 13, 2026 Youth Only: Nov. 21 – 29, 2026 Archery: Sept. 1– 24, 2026 Jan. 1 – 15, 2027 Jan. 16 - 31, 2027 Muzzleloader: Oct 31. 1 – Nov. 4, 2026	*Unit 27 Draw License Only Dates correspond to specific hunt codes. Please see the 2026-2027 Hunting Rules and Information. <i>Page 52: Deer</i> 
Javelina Hunting*	Youth Only: Feb. 1 – Mar. 31, 2027 Any Legal Sporting Arm: Feb. 1 – Mar. 31, 2027 Archery Only: Jan. 1 – 31, 2027	*Unit 27 Draw License Only Dates correspond to specific hunt codes. Please see the 2026-2027 Hunting Rules and Information. <i>Page 122: Javelina</i> 
Cougar Hunting	Zone L- Year round or until Zone L is closed. Check Zone closure info here.	Cougar Management Zone L Please see the 2026-2027 Hunting Rules and Information. <i>Page 128: Cougar</i> 
Furbearer Hunting and Trapping	Badger, Bobcat, Fox, Ringtail and Weasel: Nov. 1, 2025 – March 15, 2026	Please see the 2026-2027 Hunting Rules and Information. <i>Page 132: Furbearers</i> 

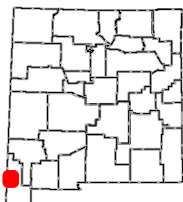
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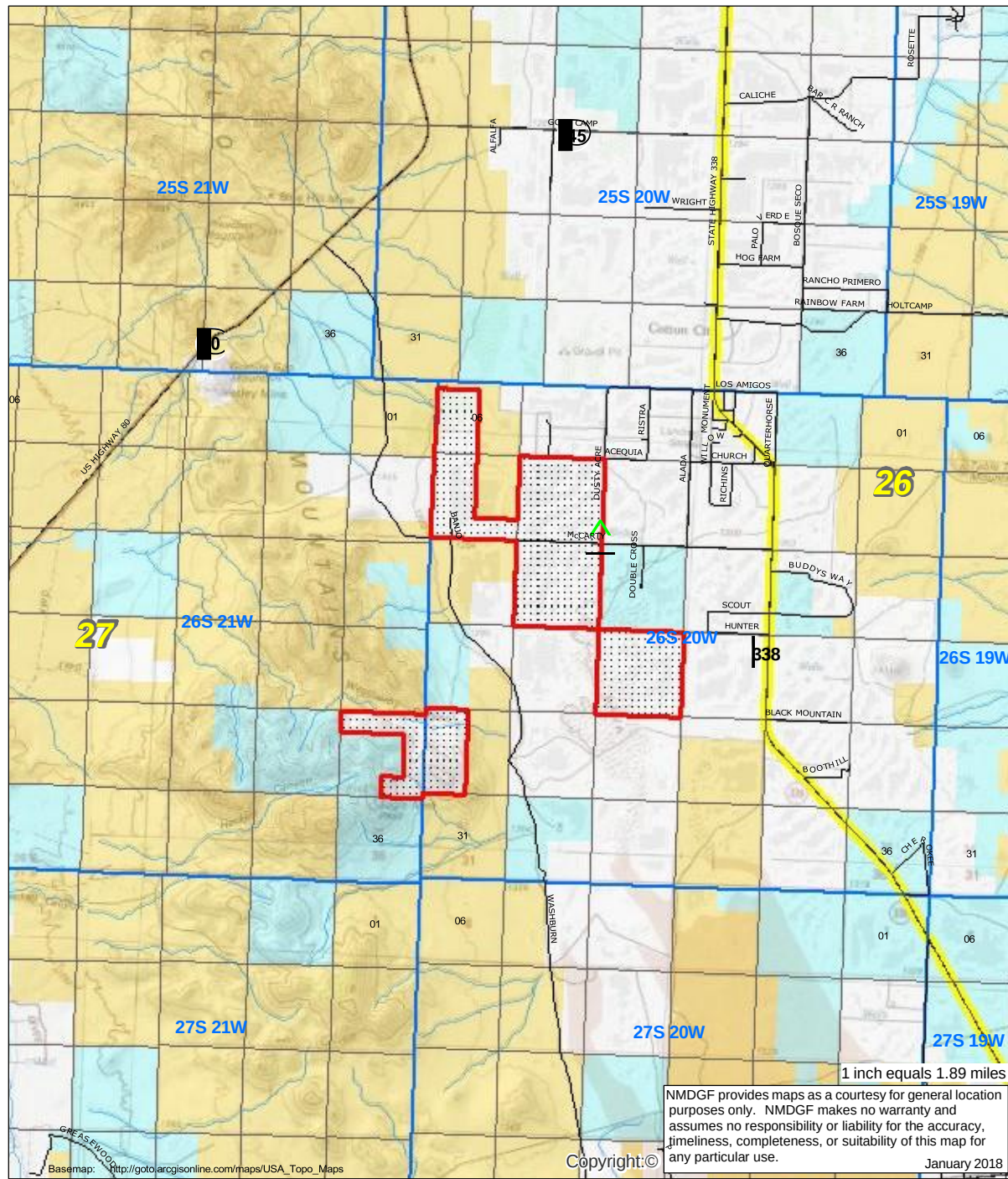
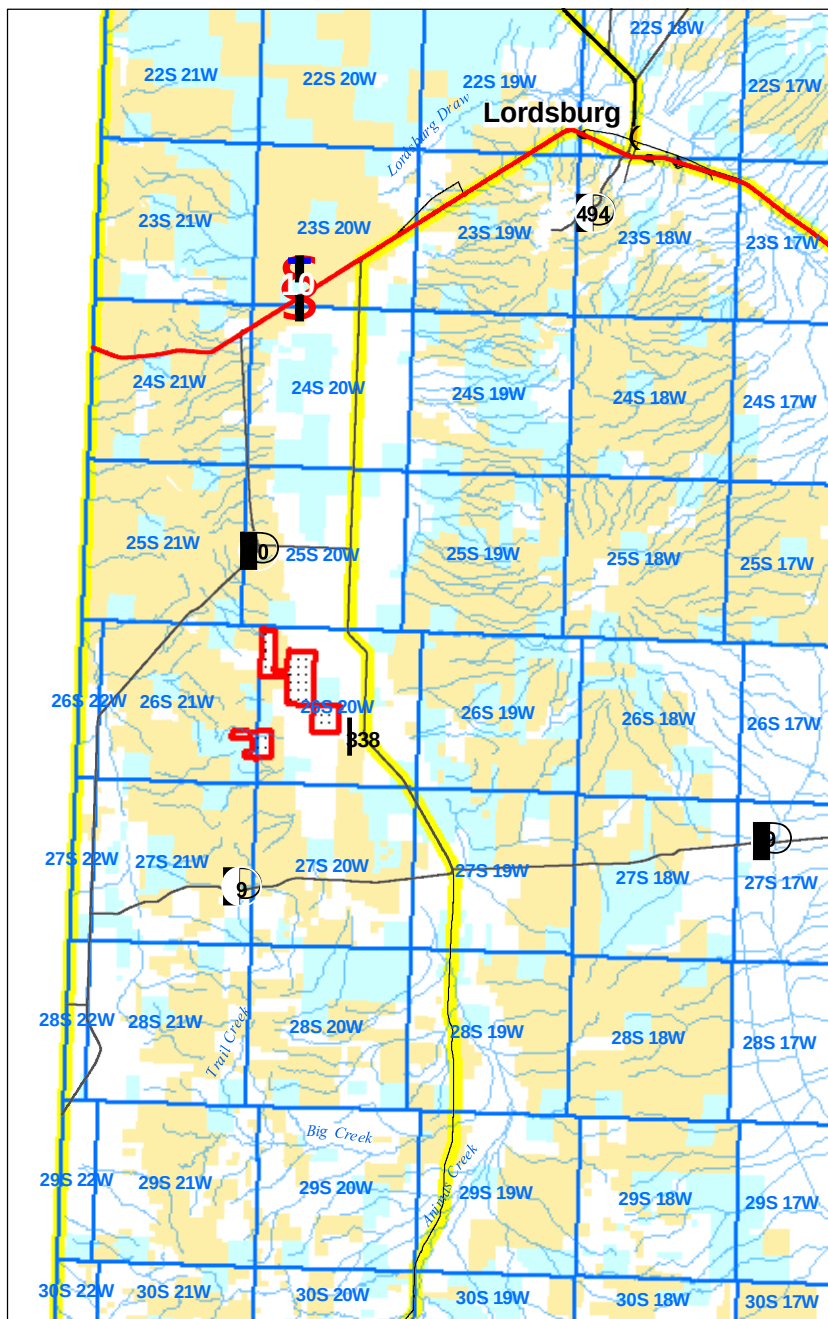
Property Rules: The following rules will be posted on this property and enforced at the discretion of the Agency.

- This Open Gate Property is restricted to properly licensed users for the following activities: **Dove Hunting, Quail Hunting, Sandhill Crane Hunting*, Bighorn Sheep Hunting*, Deer Hunting*, Javelina Hunting* (draw license hunters for Unit 27 only*), Cougar Hunting, and Furbearer Hunting and Trapping.**
- No access unless you are a properly licensed hunter or trapper.
- Each properly licensed hunter or trapper is allowed to be accompanied by no more than two guests.
- Scouting is only permitted during the two days immediately preceding the commencement of open season dates.
- No motor vehicle travel off designated roads or on closed roads.
- No destructive acts including: vandalism, graffiti, theft, removal or defacing natural features, resources or signs.
- No target practice.
- No consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- No camping.
- No fires.
- No littering.
- Access allowed from two hours before sunrise to two hours after sunset.
- **New Mexico Statute prohibits discharge of a firearm within 150 yards of a dwelling or building without permission of the structure's owner or lessee.**

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- Property Rules Sign
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- GMU Boundaries

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- Surface Ownership**
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 - USFS
 - Tribal
 - Private
 - State

