



Head Ranch, Fort Sumner, OG.134



Access Type: Hunting.

GMU: 40

Information: This property contains 1,350 acres located in GMU 40 approximately 12 miles north of Fort Sumner, NM off Highway 84. Located in the southern high plains of eastern New Mexico, this is a working cattle ranch covered by a mixture of native grasses and different types of brush. It has a few wells that supply water for the rancher's livestock. In wetter years, the dirt tanks on the property will fill and hold water as well. Water sources attract doves and provide shooting opportunities. Quail populations on and around the property provide decent quail hunting.

Permitted Activities: Hunting is only permitted on this property during the seasons and dates specified in the Open Gate lease agreement between the Department of Game and Fish 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 (Mourning, White-winged and Eurasian Collared Doves, and Band-tailed Pigeon)	 Please see the 2025-2026 Hunting Rules and Information. <i>Page 138: Upland Game</i> <i>Page 141: Migratory Game Birds</i> Refer to <i>Migratory Game Bird Supplement.</i>	Eurasian Collard Doves may only be hunted during open seasons for Mourning and White-winged doves
Quail Hunting	 Please see the 2025-2026 Hunting Rules and Information. <i>Page 138: Upland Game</i>	
Pronghorn Hunting	 Please see the 2025-2026 Hunting Rules and Information. <i>Page 92: Pronghorn</i>	Unit 40 Draw Hunters Only

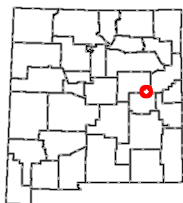
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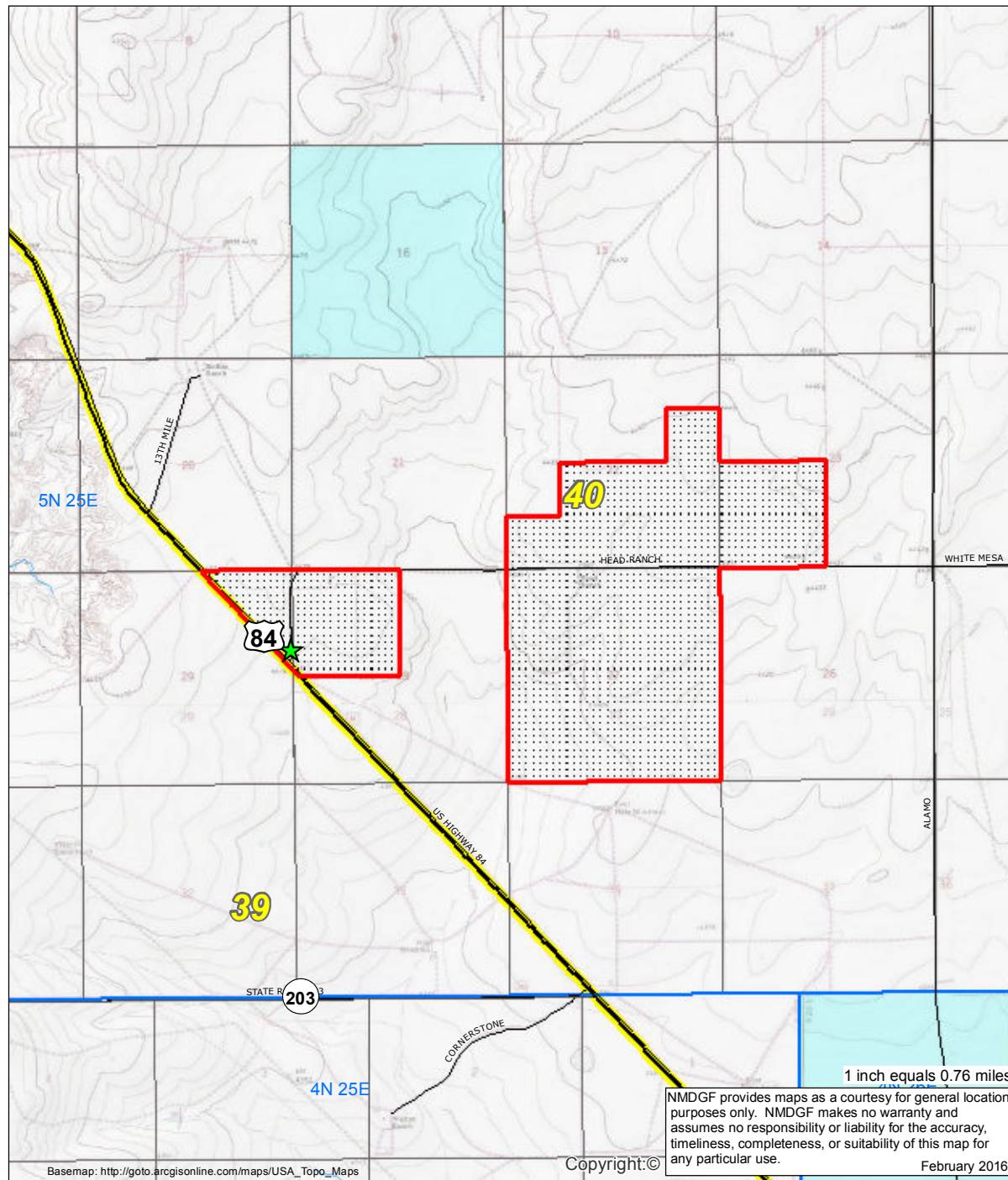
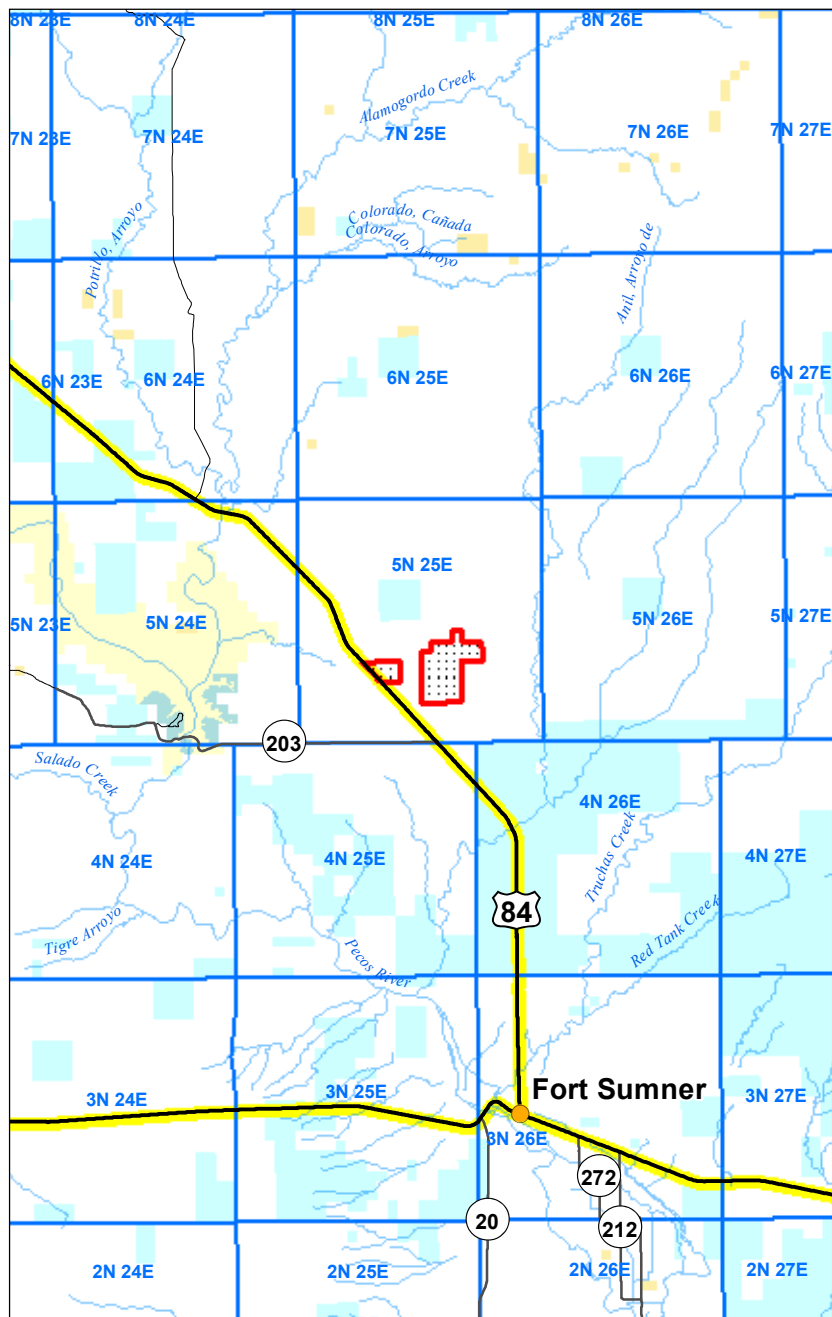
Property Rules: The following rules will be posted on this property and enforced at the discretion of the Department of Game and Fish.

- Use of this Open Gate Property is restricted to properly licensed sportspersons for the following activities: **Dove hunting, Quail hunting and Pronghorn hunting (drawn hunters only).**
- No trespassing unless you are a properly licensed sportsperson, are accompanied by a properly licensed sportsperson or are license-exempt.
- Each properly licensed sportsperson or license-exempt person 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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All New Mexico Department of Game and Fish regulations and seasons apply.

- Property Rules Sign
- PLSS Township
- Open Gate Property
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- Roads**
- Secondary Road
 - State Highway
 - Interstate Highway
 - US Highway

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

