

NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH  
STATE CAPITOL  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504

**AGREEMENT FOR UNITIZING STATE LEASE AND PRIVATELY OWNED OR LEASED  
LANDS.**

It is the desire of the Department of Game and Fish to optimize hunting and fishing opportunities consistent with good management. Since the Easement between the State Land Office and Department of Game and Fish provides for surface use agreements for the purpose of setting aside a contiguous block of land open to hunting and/or fishing, to provide a minimum of interference to the grazing lessee or holders of other rights, the following agreement between the Department of Game and Fish and the lessee is hereby entered into.

The following private land shall be deemed OPEN to public hunting and/or fishing which consists of;

(T7S, R17E: SE1/4 SW1/4, Section 23; N1/2 NW 1/4, Section 26; Section 36. T7S, R18E: S1/2, south of NM state highway 246, section 31; all south of NM state hwy. 246, section 32; all south of NM state hwy. 246, section 33) for a total of 1880 acres.

In exchange for the privilege of CLOSING, to hunting and/or fishing, state lands consisting of;

the Armstrong ranch would like to close the following State Trust Land (T7S, R17E: section 1; section 11; section 12; section 13; section 14; N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2 SW1/4, section 2; N1/2N1/2, section 23; N1/2N1/2, section 24) for a total of 3960 acres.

The State Land in Sections 1, 2, 11, 13, 14, 23, and 24 are located in the middle of the Armstrong ranch are not legally accessible to the general public.

It is mutually understood that both the Department of Game and Fish and the lessee of state lands, or their representative will furnish information regarding the tract of land open to hunting or fishing upon request. Also, the Department of Game and Fish may place signs, in conspicuous places, by which licensed hunters and anglers will be notified that the state lands have been unitized and an area has been set aside for hunting and/or fishing purposes.

Under this agreement, it is understood that the state trust land for which the unitized area is substituted shall not be subject to the terms of the Department of Game and Fish Easement with the State Land Office and is subject to posting. Enforcement of trespass upon state trust lands for which the unitized area is substituted shall not be the responsibility of the Department of Game and Fish.

It is further understood that the private land involved in this agreement shall be treated as if it were easement lands pursuant to the terms of the Department of Game and Fish Easement with the State Land Office and shall be subject to all relevant rules and regulations governing hunting and fishing on state trust land.

This agreement shall be effective on the date of its approval by the Commissioner of Public Lands and shall expire one year from that date.

**Ranch Management Practices on the State Lands Covered by this Agreement that Benefit Wildlife and/or Wildlife Habitat:**

All protected and regulated species

**Special provisions:**

No off road retrieval of taken game

Ranch Name: Armstrong

Foreman or Representative:

**Bernarr Treat**

Ranch Owner: G.G. Armstrong and Son LLC

Foreman's Address:

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Manager - Armstrong Ranches  
Ranch Owner

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Commissioner of Public Lands  
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