

Mammoth Crest Ranch
TBD Highway 84
Las Vegas, NM 87701

\$319,000
180± Acres
San Miguel County



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SUMMARY

Address

TBD Highway 84

City, State Zip

Las Vegas, NM 87701

County

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Type

Recreational Land, Undeveloped Land, Horse Property, Hunting Land

Latitude / Longitude

35.293858 / -105.12954

Taxes (Annually)

\$1,305

Acreage

180

Price

\$319,000

Property Website

<https://greatplainslandcompany.com/detail/mammoth-crest-ranch/san-miguel/new-mexico/100106/>



PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Set in the heart of northeastern New Mexico's wide-open ranch country, this exceptional 140± deeded acre holding in **San Miguel County** offers an inspiring blend of privacy, scale, and classic high desert beauty. Located just 24.7 miles from **Las Vegas**-a community celebrated for its rich frontier heritage and architectural character-and approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes from **Santa Fe**, this property strikes a rare balance between seclusion and accessibility. Whether envisioned as a private ranch retreat, recreational getaway, or legacy land investment, this offering captures the spirit and grandeur that define this storied region.

In addition to the 140± private deeded acres, the property includes an additional 40± acres of grazing lease from the **Bureau of Land Management**, expanding the functional footprint and providing additional flexibility for livestock or agricultural use. The combined acreage creates a substantial and contiguous holding that feels even larger thanks to the expansive surrounding vistas and the absence of close neighboring development.

The terrain is both usable and visually compelling. A small, gently sloping valley runs nearly the entire length of the property, creating a natural corridor that lends itself beautifully to future improvements. This open valley floor provides multiple potential building sites, each offering long views across the rolling grasslands and toward distant mesas and peaks. The gradual topography makes access straightforward while still preserving the privacy and quiet that make this landscape so desirable.

This over "mile high" ranchland has elevations starting at 5630' on the valley floor and rising prominently from the property is a commanding hill the current owners have aptly named "Mammoth Crest." From its summit of 5830ft, the panorama is nothing short of breathtaking. True 360-degree views unfold in every direction, offering a visual survey of northeastern New Mexico's rugged grandeur. To the west, the distinctive silhouette of **Starvation Peak** anchors the horizon, while to the north stands the iconic profile of **Hermits Peak** within the Sangre de Cristo Mountains near the US Continental Divide, a landmark steeped in regional history and legend. To the east, **Apache Mesa**, with iconic white limestone sub-rim, and surrounding broken ridgelines define the skyline, their layered contours capturing the dramatic geology that characterizes this part of the state. From sunrise casting warm light across the grasses to sunset igniting the distant peaks in hues of amber and crimson, Mammoth Crest serves as a natural observatory and an unforgettable vantage point.

The vegetation reflects the resilience and understated beauty of the high desert ecosystem. Native short grasses, including hardy gramma grass varieties, blanket much of the valley and open slopes, providing both grazing potential and seasonal color shifts throughout the year. Interspersed pinon and juniper woodlands create visual texture and natural screening, offering pockets of shade and habitat for wildlife. This mosaic of open grassland and woodland enhances both privacy and ecological diversity, making the property appealing for recreation, horseback riding, or simply enjoying the quiet rhythms of the land.

On the western boundary, the topography transitions dramatically as a canyon falls away into a more broken and rugged landscape. This natural feature captures the raw essence of northeastern New Mexico-untamed, scenic, and deeply rooted in the state's ranching heritage. The canyon edge provides striking visual contrast to the gentler valley interior, adding dimension and character to the property. It is easy to imagine hiking along the rim, exploring the arroyos below, or simply standing at the edge and appreciating the vast silence and sweeping sky.

Despite its peaceful and private setting, the property benefits from practical infrastructure advantages. Electric lines are already present on the parcel, streamlining the process for future development and significantly reducing upfront costs for building. Fiberoptic service is available at the nearby highway, offering high-speed connectivity-an increasingly valuable amenity for those who wish to work remotely or maintain reliable communication while enjoying a rural lifestyle. The combination of power access and nearby fiberoptic infrastructure enhances the property's readiness for a primary residence, seasonal retreat, or agricultural operation.

An old well casing is located on the parcel, though it is not currently a functioning well. While any new owner would need to evaluate water options and pursue appropriate improvements, the presence of an existing well site may provide a starting point for future development. As with much of northern New Mexico, thoughtful planning and consultation with qualified professionals can help determine the most effective approach to water infrastructure tailored to the intended use.

The valley's openness offers exceptional flexibility in design and layout. Multiple elevated homesites could capture sweeping views while maintaining privacy from the roadway. A ranch compound could be positioned to take advantage of prevailing breezes and natural

contours. Alternatively, a conservation-minded owner might choose to preserve the landscape largely as it exists today, using the acreage for light grazing, recreation, or long-term land stewardship. The scale of the property provides ample room for barns, workshops, guest casitas, or equestrian facilities, all while maintaining generous buffers between improvements.

Wildlife is a natural part of daily life in this region. The blend of grassland, woodland, and canyon terrain creates suitable habitat for several game species, and a variety of upland birds and smaller native species. The quiet environment, free from heavy traffic or urban noise, enhances the sense of retreat and immersion in nature. Night skies here are expansive and brilliantly clear, offering remarkable stargazing opportunities far from city light pollution. In addition to originating Moon Dance Ranch plat easements for equestrian and pedestrian to State and Federal lands Northwest and North of the property, there is also an agreement in place to allow equestrian and pedestrian hiking access from this parcel to thousands of additional acres of Federal Bureau of Land Management lands to the west.

Location remains one of the property's strongest attributes. With over 2,200 feet of significant highway frontage including access to high-speed fiber optic communication cable, it is remote yet connected. Historic Las Vegas, NM, less than half an hour away, provides essential services, dining, healthcare, and cultural amenities within a community known for its preserved 19th-century architecture and vibrant local character. Las Vegas boasts a modern FBO airport with two asphalt runways (8199' & 5006') suitable for all private aircraft and is also home to both highly rated New Mexico Highlands University and nearby United World College. Meanwhile, Santa Fe-renowned for its art galleries, cuisine, and cultural events-lies just over an hour's drive to the southwest, offering world-class experiences while allowing you to return home to complete privacy and open space. This strategic positioning makes the property equally suited for full-time living or as a weekend and seasonal retreat.

Access to the region is straightforward via established highways, yet once you arrive on the property itself, the sense of seclusion is immediate. The surrounding landscape feels timeless and largely unchanged, offering a rare opportunity to own a substantial tract of land in a part of New Mexico where large private holdings are increasingly limited.

For buyers seeking meaningful acreage, iconic views, and infrastructure advantages in place, this 140± deeded acre property-with its additional 40± acre BLM lease-presents a compelling and versatile opportunity. From the gently sloping valley floor to the commanding summit of Mammoth Crest, every contour of the land invites exploration, creativity, and long-term enjoyment. Whether your vision includes a custom home overlooking the valley, a working ranch operation, or a private retreat immersed in the beauty of the high desert, this offering stands ready to bring that vision to life.

In a region defined by sweeping skies, storied landscapes, and enduring Western heritage, properties of this scale and character are increasingly rare. Here, you are not simply acquiring acreage-you are securing a vantage point on one of New Mexico's most striking landscapes, with room to build, breathe, and create a legacy that can be enjoyed for generations to come.

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Locator Map



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Satellite Map



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