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Tucked deep within the Gila National Forest, Negrito Springs is a 160-acre off-grid inholding with a rich historical backdrop and extreme seclusion. According to local lore, a Buffalo Soldier who helped secure nearby Fort Tularosa during the Apache Wars later homesteaded this rugged property. Today, it remains one of the most remote and isolated parcels available in New Mexico, offering natural water, varied topography, and a truly wild setting. Its remoteness, spring-fed canyon, and steep terrain not only define the land but also create favorable conditions for wildlife and recreational access.

The centerpiece of the property is a 3,000 sq. ft. cabin with four bedrooms and four bathrooms. Originally built using ponderosa pine milled on-site with a portable sawmill, the cabin has been improved over the years with a new kitchen, updated bathrooms, and detailed interior woodworking. A recently installed solar system with battery storage provides power, and a Starlink internet system ensures connectivity. Of the 160 acres, 120 are fenced, offering flexibility for land use and management in this remote location.

Located in New Mexico's GMU 15, the property was enrolled in the 2024 E-Plus program and received a Unit-Wide Archery Tag. Elk are present year-round, and hunting in this unit is restricted to primitive weapons, with multiple archery and muzzleloader seasons throughout the fall. Additional game includes mule deer, javelina, turkey, and black bear, all huntable with over-the-counter licenses. The spring-fed canyon supports not only wildlife but also offers potential for a well. Access to the property is via a slow, rough road approximately 45 minutes to an hour off Highway 32, with the nearest services located in Quemado, Apache Creek, and Springerville, AZ.



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INFRASTRUCTURE

The cabin has been built and worked on for decades. Its original frame was constructed on-site using a portable sawmill. The large exposed beams were sawn from felled ponderosa pines milled on the property. Recent upgrades include a new kitchen, updated bathrooms, and beautiful interior woodworking. A new solar system with battery storage powers the home, and a Starlink system provides reliable internet despite the remote location.

- 3,000 sq. ft. off-grid cabin with 4 bedrooms and 4 bathrooms
- Original structure built using on-site milled ponderosa pine
- Recent upgrades include new kitchen and updated bathrooms
- Custom interior woodworking throughout the home
- New solar power system with battery storage
- Starlink satellite internet provides reliable remote connectivity
- 120 acres fenced; 40 acres unfenced



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HUNTING

Unit 15 is considered one of New Mexico's premier elk hunting units, with a high elk density and quality bulls scoring 330–350". As a primitive weapon-only unit, only bow and open-sight muzzleloaders are permitted. Elk are present year-round—pre-rut, rut, and post-rut. The steep slopes are covered in forage, attracting bulls after they separate from cows.

For 2024, the property was enrolled in the E-Plus system and received a Unit-Wide Archery Tag for Unit 15. These tags may be used by the owner or sold, and they are in high demand.

Other wildlife includes mule deer, javelina, turkey, and black bear—all of which can be hunted with OTC (over-the-counter) licenses. The natural spring and riparian bottom also attract a variety of birds and small mammals.

2024 SEASON DATES

Archery

- Sept 1–14 & Sept 15–24

Muzzleloader

- Oct 11–15 (Youth Only Hunt)
- Oct 18–22 (First Adult Muzzleloader Hunt)
- Oct 25–29 (Second Adult Muzzleloader Hunt)
- Nov 15–19 (Third Adult Muzzleloader Hunt)





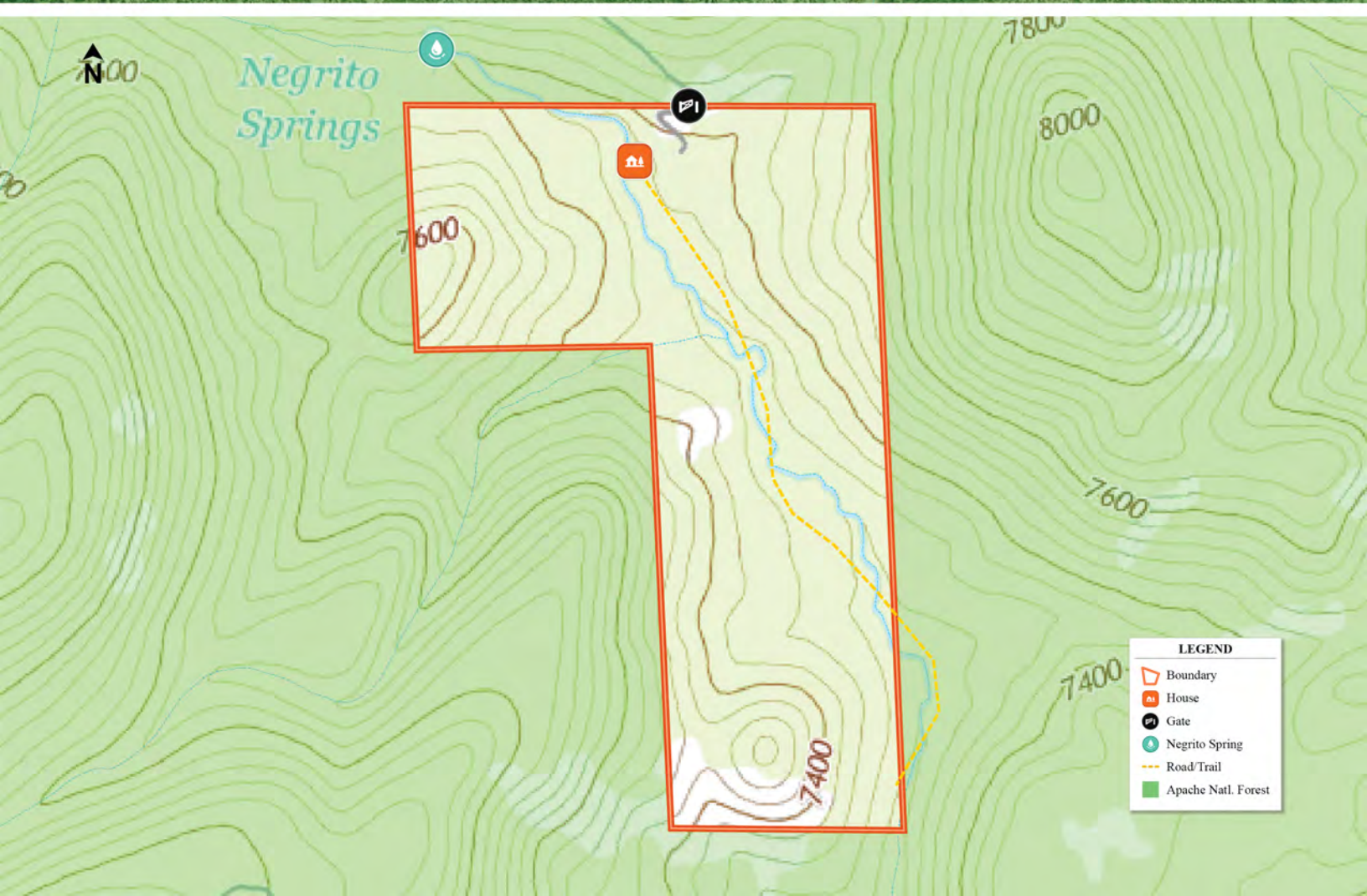


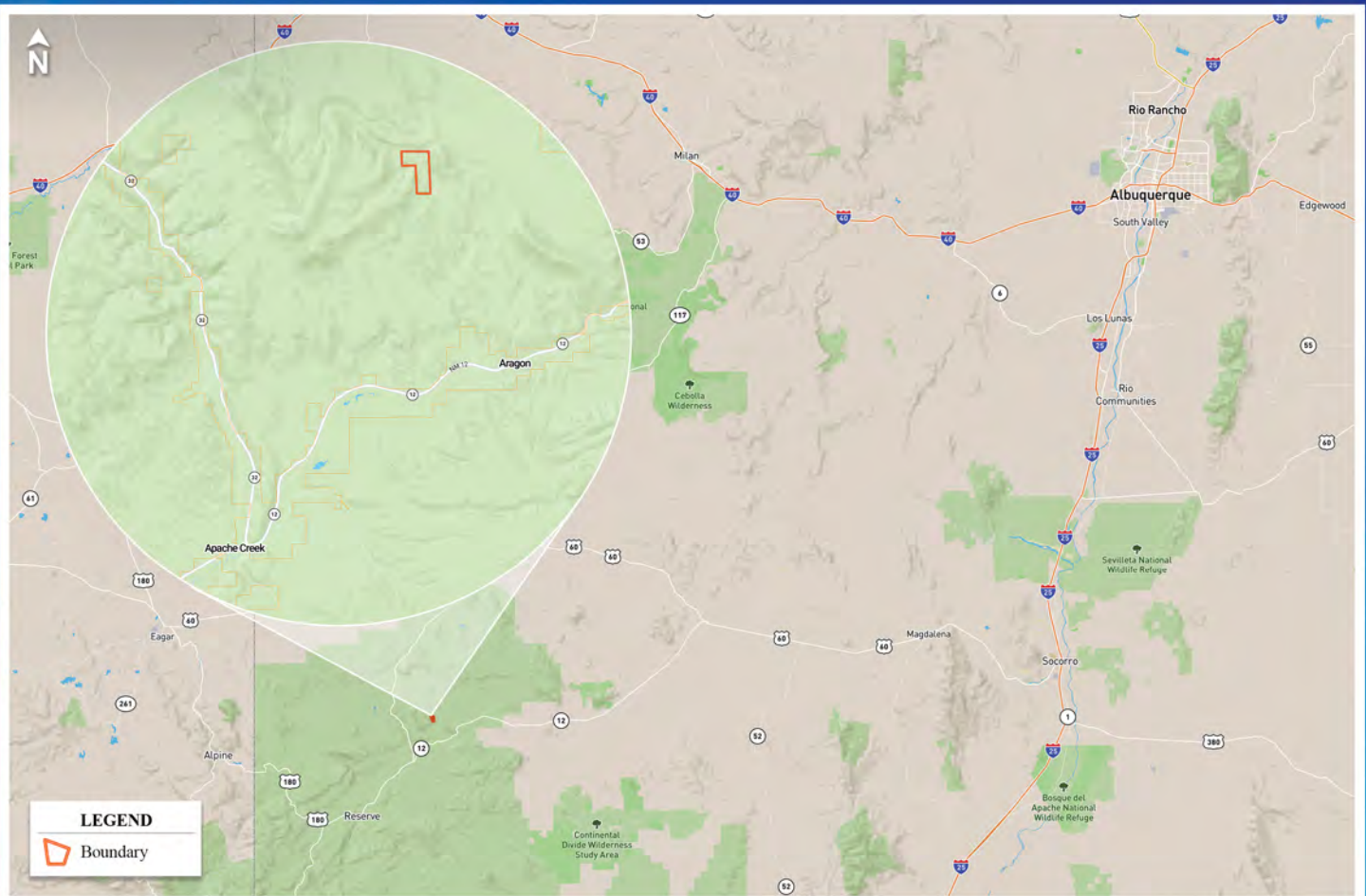


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LOCATION

The property is located roughly 45 minutes to an hour off Hwy 32 via a rough dirt road. Travel in and out is slow and time-consuming—this isn't a parcel you'll want to commute from daily. However, the surrounding area includes hundreds of miles of two-track roads for endless side-by-side exploring, hiking, or horseback riding.

- **Quemado** (75 min): gas, groceries, restaurants, mechanic
- **Springerville, AZ** (2 hrs): hospital, groceries, hardware, restaurants, shops
- **Apache Creek** (75 min): small convenience store

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