## Kimble Ranch <br> Cochise County, Arizona Hidalgo County, New Mexico



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## General Description

The Kimble Ranch has been owned by the Kimble family for three generations and is one of the reputation ranches in southeastern Arizona/ southwestern New Mexico.

It is scenically nestled between the Chiricahua and Peloncilla Mountain ranges at the south end of the San Simon Valley on U.S. Highway 80. 40 miles southwest is historic Douglas, Arizona and the border of Mexico. Rodeo, New Mexico, is 12 miles to the north. The Kimble Ranch and one neighboring ranch share the control of the access from Highway 80 with a locked gate.

The Kimble Ranch is part of an area located in what is nationally known as the Malpai Borderlands, thought to be one of the most biologically diverse habitats in North America. Rodeo N.M. and Portal, Arizona, 21 miles northwest of the Ranch are popular locations for birds watchers along with a diverse population of flora and fauna. The presumed location for the surrender of Geronimo is at the end of the Ranch road and the Kimble Ranch owner's rock house was the headquarters for the famous San Simon Cattle Company in the late 1890's. The Ranch is home to numerous Indian ruins, hidden canyons, deer, quail, antelope, and javalina. Due to the natural beauty of the grasslands and mountains it has been the site of numerous commercial photographic features including Marlboro and Arizona Highways.

The Ranch owner is on the Board of Directors of the Malpai Borderlands Group which focuses on building working relationships with the U.S. Forest Service, Fish and Game, and various conservation groups. There is a conservation easement on the deeded land held by the Malpai Borderlands Group.

## Land Tenure

> Deeded $-9,226$ acres
> Arizona State Lease $-9,361.27$ acres
> New Mexico State Lease -747.61 acres
> U.S. Forest Service $-4,470$ acres
> BLM $-1,356$ acres

## Carrying Capacity

Estimated carrying capacity is 550 adult cattle yearlong.

## Vegetation, Elevation \& Climate

The Kimble Ranch is characterized as open grassland with scattered stands of mesquite in the valley, and grassland with scattered mesquite, juniper, and oak in the foothills and mountains on the eastern edge. Vegetation is classified as Desert Grassland in the valley and Oak Woodlands in the higher elevation in the mountains. Primary grasses include Tobosa, sacaton, lovegrass, and cottontop in the Desert Grassland transitioning to include various grama grasses and curly mesquite in the foothills and mountains.

Terrain is flat to rolling in the valley with hills and mountains on the east side. Elevation ranges from $4,330 \mathrm{ft}$ at the north boundary to $4,680 \mathrm{ft}$ on the south boundary in the valley and from 4,400 to $5,880 \mathrm{ft}$ in the mountains.

Weather records at Rodeo, elevation 4,120 feet, indicate average annual precipitation of 11.21 inches, mean maximum July temperature of 95.5 degrees and mean minimum January temperature of 26.2 degrees.

## Water

Livestock water is provided by three wells and 15 dirt tanks. Two of the wells have pipelines with steel storage tanks and troughs. The pipeline from the Headquarters Well is a major line that runs east-west across the southern and eastern areas of the Ranch.

## Improvements

## Buildings

## Headquarters:

Main Residence - 2,856 sq ft; 6 rooms, 2 baths: Concrete foundation, rock and concrete block construction, composition shingle roof.

Attached Garage - 625 sq ft; steel frame, metal exterior, includes utility room.

Shop - 800 sq ft; concrete floor, brick construction, metal roof roof; Includes a 240 sq ft bunk room with bath.

Hay Barn - 1,600 sq ft; metal pole construction; concrete slab, metal roof. Tack shed under in barn; 432 sq ft; wood frame, board walls and roof with metal exterior.

Storage Shed - 400 sq ft; Wood frame, wood exterior, corrugated metal roof.

## Employee Building Site:

Dwelling - 1,580 sq ft; concrete and rock foundation, rock and concrete block construction with stucco exterior, comp shingle roof. 7 rooms, 2 bath; screened utility porch and screened front porch.

Storage/carport - 500 sq ft carport; metal pole, dirt floor, metal roof includes 240 sq ft wood storage shed.

Shop-720 sq ft; wood frame, wood exterior, metal roof.
Barn at Shipping Corrals - 1,500 sq ft; mixed construction, Wood
frame with wood exterior, metal roof; steel frame with metal exterior. Includes tack room. Hay storage and shed attached.

## Corrals

Headquarters - Page and V-mesh wire on RR tie and wood posts. $2 x$ boards on RR ties and wood post on end in alleys and working areas; Squeeze chute; Wood loading chute.

Shipping Corral \#1 - $2 \times$ boards/v-mesh wire on RR ties and RR ties on end, metal gates, metal and pipe working alley on steel pipe posts with metal catwalk, squeeze chute with working alley, 5 ton livestock scale with wood frame scale house, Steel pipe and frame semi truck loading chute and RR tie/board gooseneck loading chute.

Shipping Corral \#2 - V-mesh wire on RR tie posts, pipe alley, squeeze chute, wood gooseneck loading chute.

Darnell Roping Arena - Page wire on RR tie and steel posts, pipe stripping chute.

## Utilities

Electricity and telephone are available at the building sites, with electricity at the wells. Domestic water by private wells. Septic tanks at the building sites.

## Taxes and Fees

Real Estate taxes and grazing fees for 2010/2011 are:

- Real Estate Taxes - Arizona-\$3,096.98; N.M. - \$1,293.22
- Arizona State Grazing fees - \$5,216.45
- New Mexico State Grazing fees - \$602.95
- BLM Grazing fees - \$437.40
- Forest Service - \$1,470


## Remarks

The Kimble Ranch is one of the historic reputation cow ranches in Cochise County. The deeded and State Land is divided into 20 pastures with permanent water in all but a few smaller pastures. These pastures and the higher elevation in the hills and mountains on the east side provides seasonal balance and enables rotational pasture management. The Ranch is currently under contract with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) for a grubbing project to eliminate mesquite on 3 pastures, and is entering its second season of a prescribed layout on this area for promoting grass regrowth. The Kimble's have been grubbing mesquite and reseeding pastures since the early 1980's

## Price

\$3,800,000
This ranch is also offered in two units:

| - | East Ranch | West Ranch |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Deeded acres | 6,506 | 2,721 |
| AZ Lease acres | 3,255 | 6,097 |
| NM Lease acres | 747 | - |
| BLM acres | 1,356 | -1 |
| U.S. Forest Service acres | 4,470 | - |
| Capacity (AU Yearlong) | 380 | 170 |
| Buildings | Two building sites | No buildings |
| Price | $\$ 2,700,000$ | $\$ 1,200,000$ |

## Photos



Main residence


Hay barn/tack shed


Employee house

Photos (continued)


Shipping corral


Main residence well


Storage trough on main pipeline

Photos (continued)


Patterson well


Dirt Stock tank


East across Ranch; USFS allotment in Mountains

Photos (continued)


Range in Southern end of ranch


Shipping corral


Foothill on E side

Photos (continued)


Swimming hole for the locals

## Location Map



Topography/Tenure


