

Help us protect the Cross Bar Management Area

In order to safeguard the resources of the unique area, we do not allow, in addition to others noted in this brochure, the following activities:

Use of firearms, pellet guns, muzzle loaders, fireworks, chemicals, and spotlights

Open fires & charcoal/wood burning grills

Littering or dumping

Swimming

Cutting or defacing trees, rocks and natural objects

Harassing wildlife

Metal detectors and searching for valued objects, arrowheads, or artifacts of antiquity

Collecting birds, animals, plants, fish, parts of plants, flowers, nuts, berries, or firewood

Destruction, defacement, disturbance, or removal of public property (including natural features such as rocks, bones, or deer antlers)

Construction of photography or hunting blinds

Motorized licensed and unlicensed vehicles

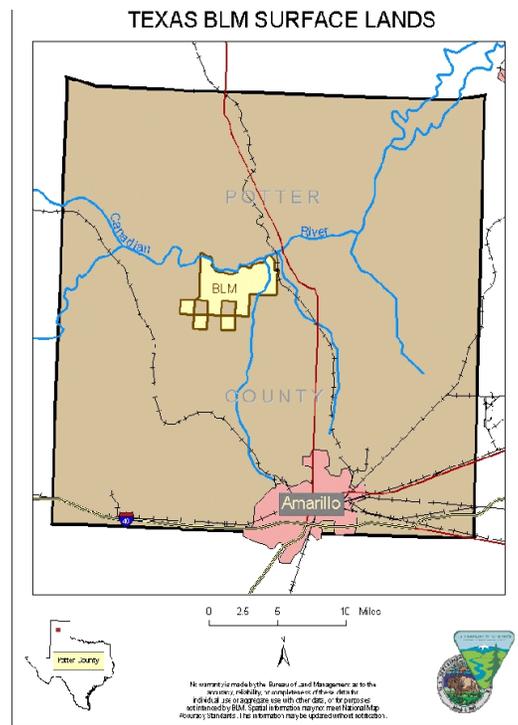
Pets except on leashes

The training of dogs

See supplemental rules insert for more information...

Thank you for your cooperation and thank you for exercising a good land ethic.

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Bureau of Land Management
Amarillo Field Office



Cross Bar Management Area Potter County, Texas

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manages 12,000 acres of public land in Potter County, Texas. The Cross Bar is available for public use with some restrictions, in order to safeguard the unique natural resources of this property.

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Access

The public is welcome to enter the Cross Bar CMA and enjoy its opportunities for hiking, sightseeing, birding or wildlife observation, as well as nature and landscape photography. Day-use permits are required for these visits and can be picked up from the BLM's Amarillo Field Office at 801 S. Fillmore, Suite 500, Amarillo, Texas, or call (806) 356-1000.

At this time, the only legal access for public use is by way of the Canadian River. There are no roads leading from the river into the property, all access from that point is by foot. Recreationists will need to park their vehicles on the bank of the Canadian River near Highway 87/287 and walk in from that point. Please note that unattended vehicles on the river could be subject to theft or vandalism.



Hunting and Firearms

Hunting with bow and arrow is allowed in accordance with Texas State games laws. In accordance with Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 8365.1-6, it is prohibited to fire any handgun, shotgun, or rifle on the property. Violations are punishable by law.

Cultural and Historical Resources

The Natural Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, and their derivative laws provide for the protection and management of historical and cultural locations and objects on the BLM property. It is against the law to deface, disturb, remove or destroy any cultural, archaeological, or historic resource.



Recreational Uses

With the exceptions noted in this brochure, most recreational uses (hiking, sightseeing, bird watching, wildlife observation, etc.) are allowed. It should be noted by users of the CMA land that permits are required for any organized, structured, consolidated, or scheduled event or activity in addition to any individual use.



Grazing

The area is not being offered to the public for any type of grazing lease.

Research

West Texas A&M University has established numerous research and monitoring sites throughout the area. Under no circumstances should these be disturbed. In order to avoid these areas, please stay on established roads and trails.

Oil and Gas

The CMA is an active helium and natural gas field. No further leases will be offered on the property [43CFR3100.0-3(b)(2)(v)].

Boundaries

The CMA has been surveyed, marked and had signs posted. Approximately 8,000 acres are contiguous and this area is fenced on all sides. The only legal access for public use is by way of the Canadian River.

The State of Texas has control of the river and property north of the gradient boundary of the Canadian River. Metal "T" posts and Carsonite markers along the Canadian River mark the CMA boundaries at various intervals.



Maps

BLM maps for this area are not available at this time. However, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) topographic map (7.5 minute series) Puente Quadrangle covers a majority of this area. Call the Denver USGS offices at (303) 236-1004.



Locatable Minerals

The Cross Bar CMA is not subject to locatable minerals under the Mining Law of 1872 (30 USC 22; 43 USC 1571).

Additional Information

Additional information can be obtained by writing Adrian Escobar, Natural Resource Specialist, Bureau of Land Management, Amarillo Field Office, 801 S. Fillmore, Suite 500, Amarillo, Texas, 79101 or by calling (806) 356-1008. The area is patrolled by BLM law enforcement personnel and serves as a work area for BLM employees. They, as well as the National Park Service Rangers who patrol the area, may also be used as sources of information on the BLM lands.



ATTENTION ALL CROSS BAR MANAGEMENT AREA

HUNTERS!!!

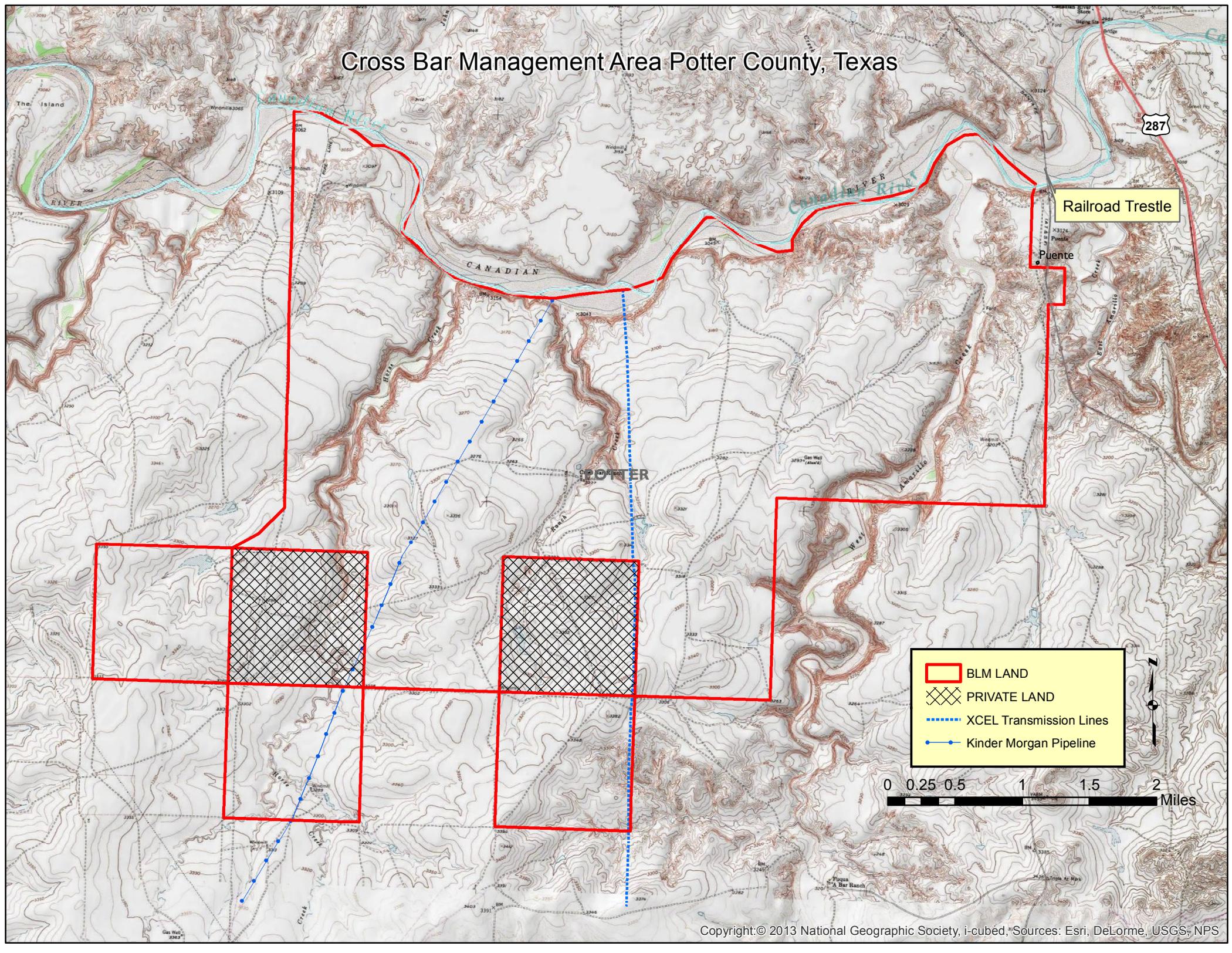


EFFECTIVE BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 ALL HARVESTED DEER ON THE PROPERTY MUST BE REPORTED TO THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT AMARILLO FIELD OFFICE AND TO THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT FOR CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE SAMPLING.

NON-REPORTING CAN RESULT IN A \$500 FINE AND A CLASS C MISDEMEANOR.

PLEASE CALL BLM
NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST
ADRIAN ESCOBAR @ 806-356-1008 OR
JAMES HOSKINS TPWD REGIONAL BIOLOGIST @ 806-355-7293

Cross Bar Management Area Potter County, Texas



Railroad Trestle

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-  BLM LAND
-  PRIVATE LAND
-  XCEL Transmission Lines
-  Kinder Morgan Pipeline



Cross Bar Management Area Permit Information

In order to safeguard the resources of the unique area, please follow the rules below:

HUNTING IS BY BOW AND ARROW ONLY! NO FIREARMS OF ANY KIND ALLOWED ON THE PROPERTY.

1. The Cross Bar is 12,000 acres of public land in Potter County, Texas, south of the Canadian River.
2. The only public access is to take Highway 287 north toward Dumas to the Canadian River, park or drive west up the river approx 1½ to 2 miles (past the railroad trestle) and climb over, under, or through the fence to enter on foot. **Do not cut, dismantle, or modify boundary fences!** The Cross Bar is on the south side of the river.
3. **Access is by permit only.** Permits are free. All permits must be obtained from Amarillo Field Office. A permit is required for each person who has a driver's license. A permit must be carried on the person while on the Cross Bar property.
4. Only 5 people per day are allowed on the property. This is to ensure that a few people don't call in early and tie up every weekend during hunting season.
5. Children over the age of 12 count towards the 5-person per day limit and are included on the adult's permit.
6. Per fiscal year (Oct 1 to Sept 30 each yr), each person can get two advance days. Such as, in May you can request a permit for two days in October. After the two advance days, please call no more than three business days prior to when you want to go. If the days you request are available, we'll mail you the permit or you can pick it up.
7. Each person (who has a driver's license) must have a permit to get on the property.
8. No pellet guns, muzzle loaders, fireworks, chemicals, or spotlights.
9. No motorized vehicles.
10. **Dispersed** overnight BACKPACK camping is allowed up to **100 yards inside** the southern boundary fence line but you must pack out what you pack in. Please help us take care of the land.
11. No open fires and charcoal or wood burning grills.

12. No swimming.
13. No harassing the wildlife.
14. No littering or dumping.
15. No cutting or defacing trees, rocks, or natural objects.
16. Popup blinds are allowed.
17. *Dispersed* hiking and horseback riding is allowed. Please do not ride horses in a line.
18. No metal detectors or searching for valued objects, arrowheads, or artifacts of antiquity.
19. We only issue permits for accessing the property. It's your responsibility to ensure that you're abiding by the Texas Parks and Wildlife laws and regulations. The local Texas Parks and Wildlife office is at 203 Southwest 8th Ave., Amarillo, 79101, (806) 379-8900.
20. Please pack out whatever you have packed in for your visit.

**PLEASE EXERCISE A SOLID LAND ETHIC.
HELP US KEEP THE CROSS BAR HEALTHY AND CLEAN!**

ATTENTION HUNTERS: Please call Adrian Escobar (BLM Natural Resource Specialist) at (806) 356-1008 with information on your harvest. Knowing specific information about the deer harvested will help in determining deer density and harvest limits. It is strictly prohibited to harvest any roaming Elk on the property.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND COOPERATION.

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