

Ranch Managers
ALTA LUNA RANCH, Chacon, New Mexico

Alta Luna is a semi-remote high mountain ranch with elevations from 8,500' to 11,000', approximately one-half way between Las Vegas and Taos, NM. It encompasses 6,500 acres of heavily timbered ridges and open grassy valleys and meadows. Kit Carson National Forest borders ranch on the west and Mora, NM is the nearest town. Owners live in Victoria, TX 75%, ranch in Chacon, NM 25%.

It is our strong preference that we hire a couple that will be able to work independently and without constant supervision. Consideration will heavily favor a couple that brings experience in many of the job descriptions listed above. We know from past years experience that the work load will require two people. Ranch presently employs a full time housekeeper (main house and guest houses only). The ranch has a fairly modern fleet of equipment to achieve the tasks of performing road maintenance, clearing snow, achieving our farming/hay growing needs, retrieving downed Elk, digging holes and trenches, grinding up tree trunks and limbs, and moving whole live trees. Equipment used for winter work are all cab type vehicles. The ranch is also naturally well watered, with Lujan Creek and Bull Creek running some six miles through the property.

RANCH MANAGER(S) JOB DESCRIPTION:

- 1) Must take to cold weather, plowing winter roadways (Dec. * April)
- 2) Predator control * hunt and trap Coyotes & Cougar (use dogs when snow) 24/7
- 3) Help neighbors with their Cows, as needed (spring and fall)
- 4) Hay baling*1,000 * 1,500 square bales per season (July * Sept.)
- 5) Guide Hunters for Elk & Bear (fall)
- 6) Manage Tree Farm on Ranch (spring * fall)
- 7) Run small Cow/Calf operation (year around)
- 8) Manage Trout Fisheries * four ponds, six miles of streams (April * Nov.)
- 9) Run heavy equipment * road maintenance or slash grinding (spring - fall)
- 10) Maintenance on six houses, including landscape (one being yours)
- 11) Disking & planting * hay fields & food plots (spring * fall)
- 12) Spray noxious weeds on ranch (spring - summer)
- 13) Put up firewood for all houses (summer - fall)
- 14) Fix fences damaged by Elk herds (as needed)
- 15) Ride Horseback patrol for poachers during Elk season (Sept. * Oct.)
- 16) Attention to needs of ranch guest and owners (as needed)
- 17) Winterize all systems (November)
- 18) Annual Maintenance * service all equipment (February)
- 19) Complete and maintain Beaver habitat program
- 20) Take kids on horseback rides (summer)

Ranch managers job is ideally open to a couple who would live in a 160 year old, two story, restored 2,500 square foot adobe house. The house sits on a separate part of the ranch near a county road three miles from the main ranch. Vehicles provided and all bills, except long distance telephone, are included.

Please mail resumes to P.O. Box 2955, Victoria, Texas 77902. Please include references.