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Generations of families have been living and working together to survive and thrive as best they can in the foothills of the Sandia Mountains now known as the Placitas area. In 1765 Juan Gutierrez first approached Governor Tomás Vélez Cachupín and requested, on behalf of himself and eight other families, a tract of vacant land which was known as San Jose y San Antonio de las Huertas.

On September 28th, 1765, Cachupín had Bartolomé Fernandez, the Alcalde (overseer of an area) of Santo Domingo, checked to make sure that there was “no impediment” to the surrounding Pueblo communities.

In 1767 the now twenty-one families residing in the “said place in good faith,” asked that they, the twenty-one families, be granted the San Antonio de las Huertas grant. Governor Pedro Fermín de Mendinueta made the grant in the name of “His Majesty to the twenty-one families named in the petition of the place San Antonio de las Huertas.”

Finally, in January of 1768 Governor Mendinueta stated that the grant boundaries were to be as follows so as “not to infringe” on the pueblos of San Felipe and Santa Ana and the settlers of Bernalillo: “on the north the brow of a hill adjoining the town which stretches to a sharp-crested hill adjoining the watering-place commonly called Una de Gato, on the south some red hills forming a ridge at the point of the Sandia mountain, on the east the place commonly called...(torn), and on the west some high hills adjoining the place commonly called the “plazitas”/las Placitas.” It was further assessed that the eastern boundary “was at least as far east as the brow of the mountain on the San Pedro Road.”

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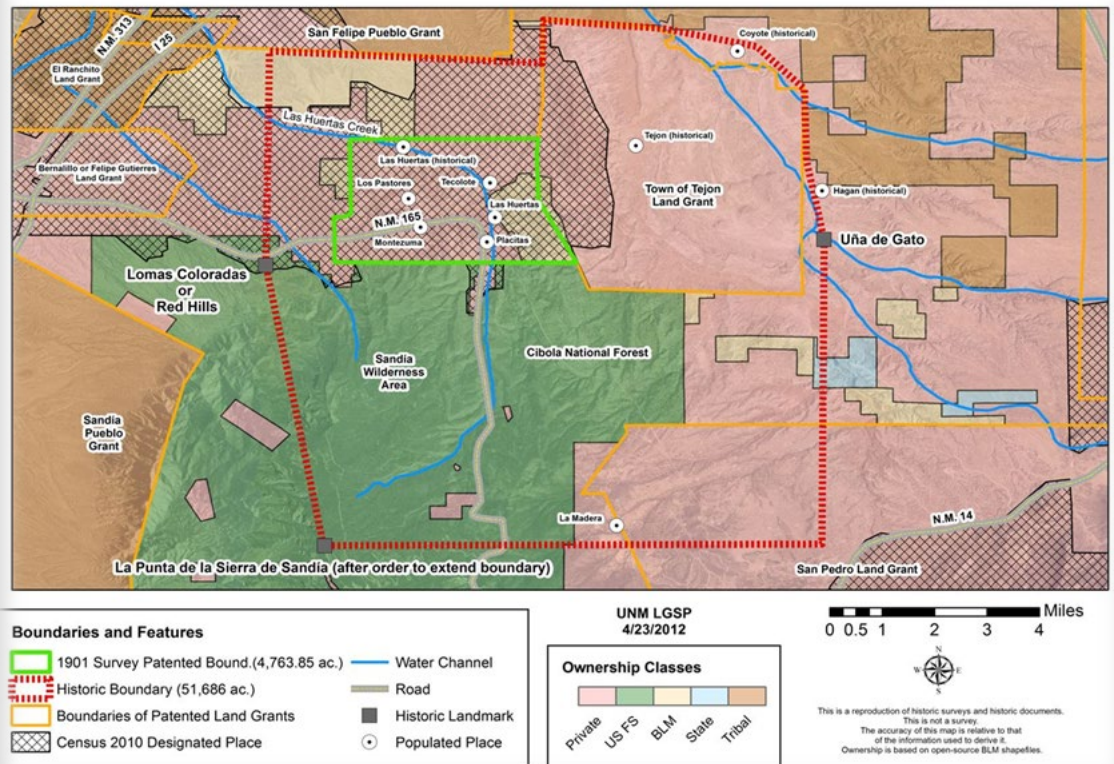
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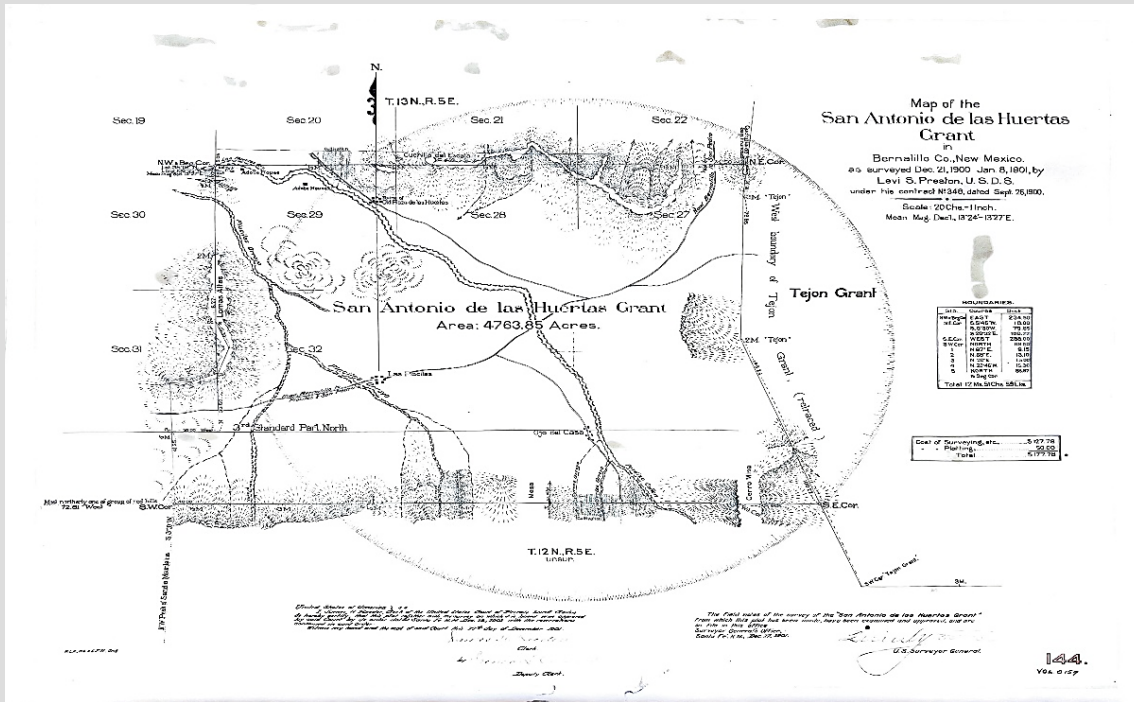
We are working on a new website that we hope to have up and running in 2025!

San Antonio de las Huertas Land Grant

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San Antonio de las Huertas Land Grant Historic Boundaries





Then...

The San Antonio de las Huertas Land Grant was established as a Community Land Grant-Merced. Our community came together centuries ago and built our deeply rooted community foundation that has survived, been passed down with love and is an integral part of us all today here in our San Antonio de las Huertas Community.

Now...

We are here today thanks to all those who came before us and now we are faced with the new challenges of our modern world. We must learn to adapt, as we have in the past, to develop innovative solutions that allow for preservation, use and sharing of our culture and traditions. We must support our community in the ways they now need us to. We must nurture and help our young people so that they successfully grow and have the tools they need to seek opportunities. And we must persevere and cultivate what we hold dear as a Community Land Grant so that future generations know where they came from and that they have a place they can always come home to.

Our concerns looking forward...

- How will we work to adapt and grow new means of providing for our Community Land Grant?
- Developing new ways to help to preserve our history, culture & traditions, and continue to educate our youth and community?
- Economic growth opportunities – what does that mean for our Land Grant Community?
- How will we continue to help protect & steward the precious water resources that are on our lands? Roads; upkeep & improvements? Our cemeteries; protect and preserve them?
- Preparing our community for climate change – what does this mean? Fire dangers and protection? Clean energy opportunities for our Land Grant Community?

Hopes...

We hope to reinforce our community foundation through continuing to work together with the help of our membership, the NM Land Grant Council and resources available through the state of New Mexico. We want to help make available to our San Antonio de las Huertas Community Land Grant members new and necessary tools that ensure that our community feels supported and ready to step forward into the future. Identify ways that will allow us all to continue to remember all that came before us and provide help to those that come after us. Continue to be stewards of our lands within and around our community as our ancestors before us did and as they have taught us to do.

Future Projects...

- Solar project opportunities (how do we apply for grants or ask for funding)? Specifically for our Land Grant office property that also houses a local radio station that helps with local and national emergency announcements.
- Improving our Land Grant office property (updating building), upkeep and maintenance of our cemetery, maintaining and improving our Oso outdoor area for membership use and future generations to enjoy.
- Affordable housing projects that will help our membership stay in our community (how do we get started? Who can help us?)
- Preservation of our people through documentation of our history, culture and traditions via an educational documentary that would serve as a future educational tool. Are there funds available to help us with this?
- Fire risk mitigation and water resources/watershed protection plans.
- Work to have the right to exercise and maintain our Traditional use rights.
- Continue to work to get back lost lands that are within our original Land Grant boundaries.