

Dilley Ranch Property Owners Association

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2015 Year End Fencing / Grazing Report

Fencing:

Filings 1, 2, and 3 fencing Completed

Filing 4, Parcels 13 and 16, fencing complete.

Some areas of old fence repaired where possible, new installed when needed, as the cattle dictated.

Grazing:

The grazing season got off to a delayed start due to our Grazing lessee having issues with the rounding up and branding the cattle, before transporting to the Dilley. The cattle did not arrive until the beginning of June. The north section (filings 1 and 2) was grazed for a 12 week period; the cattle were moved to the south section (filings 3 and 4) for the remaining 12 week period. Over half of the cattle migrated back to the north end of the Dilley, due in large part to a section of fence found to be lacking in coverage, and a number of walking gates left open. That section of fence is in the process of being refenced, and the walking gates will be locked in the future, the combination will be that of all other Dilley Ranch gates. The cattle were removed by lease holder by November 1st as requested.

Overall, the season went well for both the Dilley Ranch POA and our Grazing Lease holder. Our lease holder had one fatality (calf), and at the time of this writing, he is still missing one pair (cow, calf). The cattle again showed us a few areas in the fence to be repaired, and those have been taken care of, or are being taken care of. At this time, the Grazing Committee has agreed to another year's lease with present leaseholder. He has shown that he is a very responsible leaseholder.

None of the above could have been done without the Dilley Ranch community property owners' participation. The Board and Grazing Committee would like to thank all of the volunteers for their hard work this past year. A special Thank You to the property owners who granted us permission to fence along their property, especially the Cardozo and Gomez families who are our neighbors bordering the Dilley. They allowed us access to the fence from their property, and in both cases, allowed us to fence on their side of the property line making this undertaking much easier. These actions helped all Dilley Ranch Property Owners improve our grazing range land, increase our property values while affirming the Association's commitment to maintain our Agricultural Classification in the coming years.

Dave Freeburg

Grazing Committee Chair

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