

# Historic Penobscot Ranch



Past, Present, *Future* (?)



# Public House – Overnight Stays 1849-1918

Parcel Size: *1,000* acres

Land Use:

Public House (bed and breakfast in today's terms or ag/farm stay) since 1849, stage coach stop, livery stable, residence

Public school 1889

## Farm 1919-1975

Parcel Size: *1,000 – 3,000* acres

Land Use:

Large Farm/ranch, dude/pleasure ranch, overnight stays, residence, public school, blacksmith shop, grease pit, equipment repair

# Camp and Tours 1975-2001

Parcel Size: 330 acres

Land Use:

Agri-tourism, residence, agricultural education, ranch marketing on grazing lands, ag farm/homestays, overnight camp ground, summer camps, ranch tours, horseback riding (rentals) and lessons, fishing, workshops, retreats, retail sales of processed products, home occupation outdoors

Bill Snodgrass, Agricultural Commissioner for El Dorado County, in his memorandum dated October 31, 2002 to the El Dorado County Agricultural Commission, wrote:

“the Gates state that in the past 25 years of operation, over 200,000 children of all ages have come through the ranch. The Summer Camp served approximately 450 children per year.” Children came from all over to attend the week long summer camps, to stay overnight, to participate in ranch tours, to learn about early California history, agriculture, and country life.

Adults and families came to stay on the ‘dude ranch’ or for an ‘ag homestay ’in today’s terms.

## 2001-2013 (Present Day)

In 2001, ranch goes up for sale. Agricultural education/ag tourism cease.

In 2003 Linnea Marengo acquires Penobscot Ranch. Wants to conduct ag education/over night stays again. County land use does not permit by right what had always been done before by right to support the property.

Parcel Size: *330 acres, 2 parcels*

Land Use:

Private residence, grazing, farm animals, horse boarding, trail riding

# Animal Raising/Ag Education



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# Work Ethics/Ag Education



# Land Splits or Working Landscapes



# Ag Education



# Appreciation of Mother *Nature*

## Land Preservation



# Ranch Life *is* Mother Nature



# City and Apartment Kids Know SO Little Even Petting Cats and Dogs is New to Them (Sad, but True)



# Ranch Life Teaches Principles



# Historic Penobscot Ranch

A Working Property Since the Days of the Gold Rush



- One of a kind
- To be shared with others
- To educate about agriculture, history, land preservation, life
- To enjoy and help relax and reduce stress
- To increase individual and family well-being



## Future Possibilities (?)

*Rural commerce and agricultural education - let the public come and learn/experience working ag environments – working landscapes; increase emotional well-being*

- Overnight stays in the form of Agricultural Homestays, Bed and Breakfasts, and Dude/Guest ranch and Camping.
- Retreats and Health Resorts, including those focusing on health and well-being.
- Home Occupations, including outdoor home occupations such as equine assisted therapy.
- Ag Support Services, including equipment repair and limited vehicle repair.
- Ranch Marketing and
- Agricultural Education on grazing lands.