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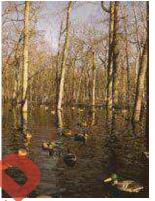




#### Land's End Plantation - Pulaski County, Arkansas

An authentic, working plantation, located in the fertile Arkansas Delta, just 20 minutes from the Little Rock International Airport. The plantation consists of 1,797 (+/-) acres and operates as a grain, row crop, and vegetable farm. The property has a beautiful pecan orchard and one of the most scenic drives in Central Arkansas. The plantation has been owned by the same family for over 120 years. \$5,735,000.00 (price reduced)





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#### The Moscow Plantation - Jefferson County, Arkansas

The Moscow Planation is a modern, agricultural operation in the fertile Arkansas Delta. This high-production, plantation produces rice, cotton, corn, wheat, and soybeans and offers an excellent investment opportunity. The property is 3,136<sup>(+/-)</sup> acres, has plenty of water, grain handling systems, a farm headquarters, eight residential dwellings, and is close to major river ports, elevators, and dryers. Owned and farmed by the same family since 1955. \$11,600,000.00

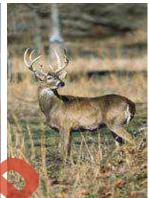




**Big Slash Farm & Hunt Club - Monroe County, Arkansas** 

A turn key hunting club, and working grain and row crop operation located east of Stuttgart, Arkansas near the White River NWR. The property consists of 3,131 <sup>(+/-)</sup> acres (all high-fenced); a classic, log lodge; onsite caretaker; all necessary equipment; fishing lake; managed trophy deer herd; and managed rice fields, sloughs, and timber offering great duck, turkey, and dove hunting. The property has can be split into two separate tracts. \$11,000,000.00





The Faver Farm South - Pulaski County, Arkansas

A 3,078 <sup>(+/-)</sup> acre agricultural operation consisting of grain and row crop land, timber, and Wetland Reserve Program lands. The property is located south of the historic, plantation community of Scott, Arkansas along the Arkansas River and offers exceptional deer, duck, and dove hunting, along with fishing. A perfectly suited property for the development of a country extreat and wildlife sanctuary for generations to come.

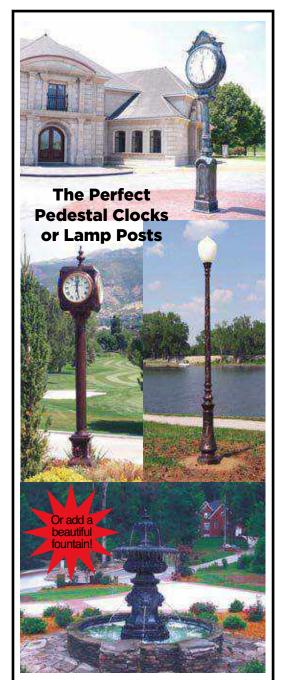


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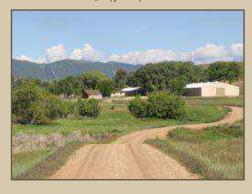


Blue Creek Ranch

Kaycee, Wyoming

2,534± deeded acres

\$2,500,000

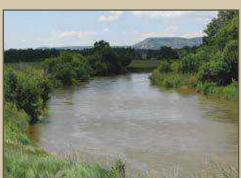


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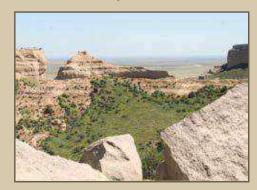
Buffalo, Wyoming

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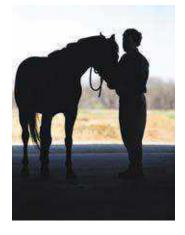


Tongue River Ranch
Ashland, Montana
2,000± deeded acres
\$4,000,000



Canyon View Ranch
Torrington, Wyoming
17,800± deeded acres
\$12,000,000

### Editor's Note



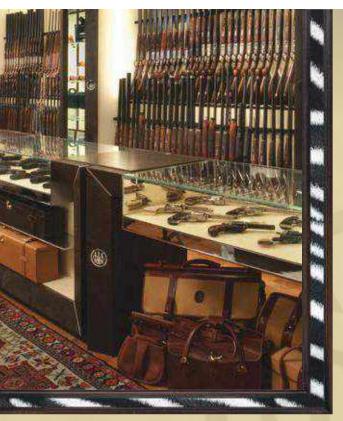
hen we launched the Magazine of the American Landowner in 2007, we put our best foot forward by debuting The Land Report 100. Three years and more than a dozen issues later, this landmark project has become the highlight of our editorial calendar.

It would be easy to start discussing newly discovered details, but you'll find out all that and much more thanks to the efforts of Land Report 100 Editor Katy Richardson, Research Editor Nancy Myers, and our editorial team.

Instead, I'd like to thank the many 100ers that pitched in to help us produce this issue, beginning with Trey Lyda, whose stunning image of his cousin Justin graces our cover. Rhett Turner's photograph of father Ted is another favorite: America's largest landowner with a dozen or so of his 50,000-plus bison. King Ranch, Governor Briscoe, and the O'Connors—our South Texas contingent is amply and ably represented. *Muchas graçias!* Take a moment to enjoy Bill Reynolds's candid shots from the OW. If you're like me, that stogie will reek in the confines of your smoke-free office.

If you have plans or need a reason to go to the Big Apple, be sure to join *The Land Report* at the 6th Timberland World Summit October 26-28. Just a block from Times Square, The Millennium Broadway Hotel is a favorite venue, and the topic couldn't be more pertinent. Investing in timber—be it acreage, a REIT, or an equity—is a story we will continue to highlight in these pages and on the road.

Eric O'Keefe



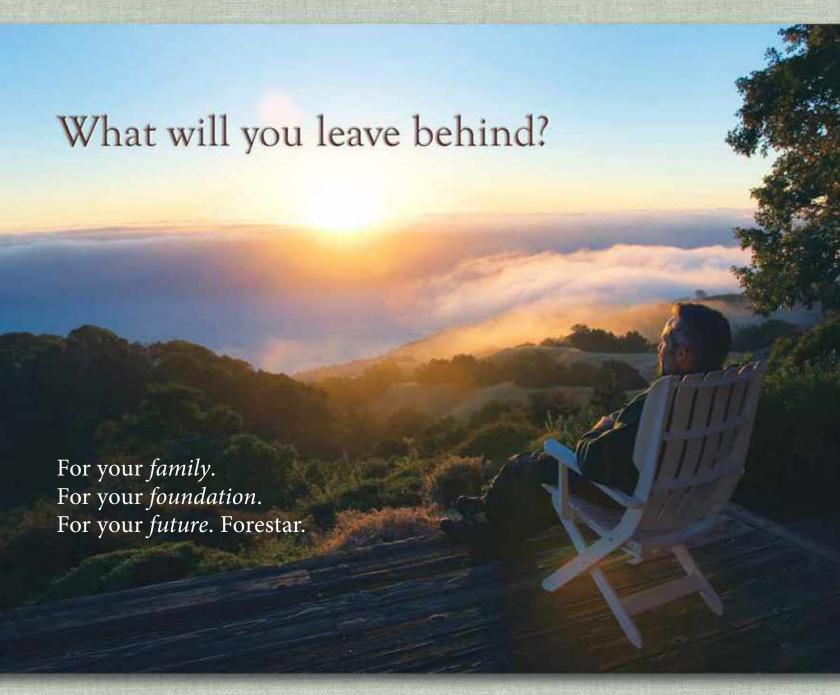
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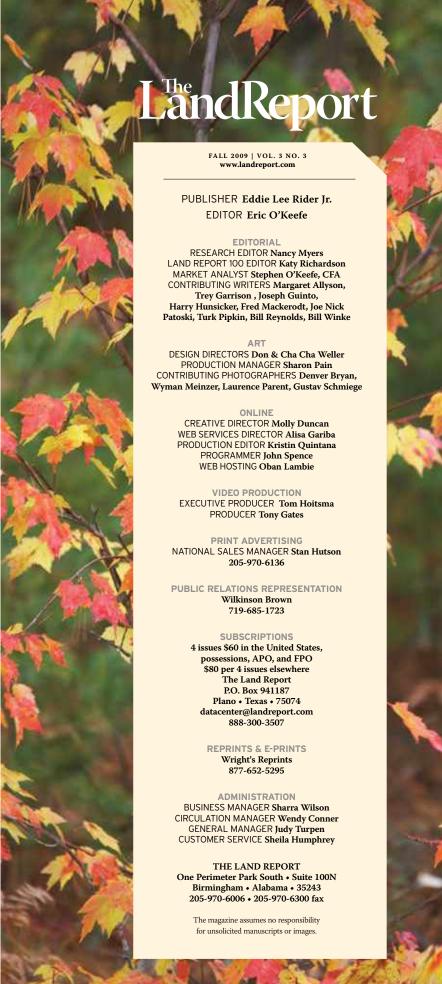
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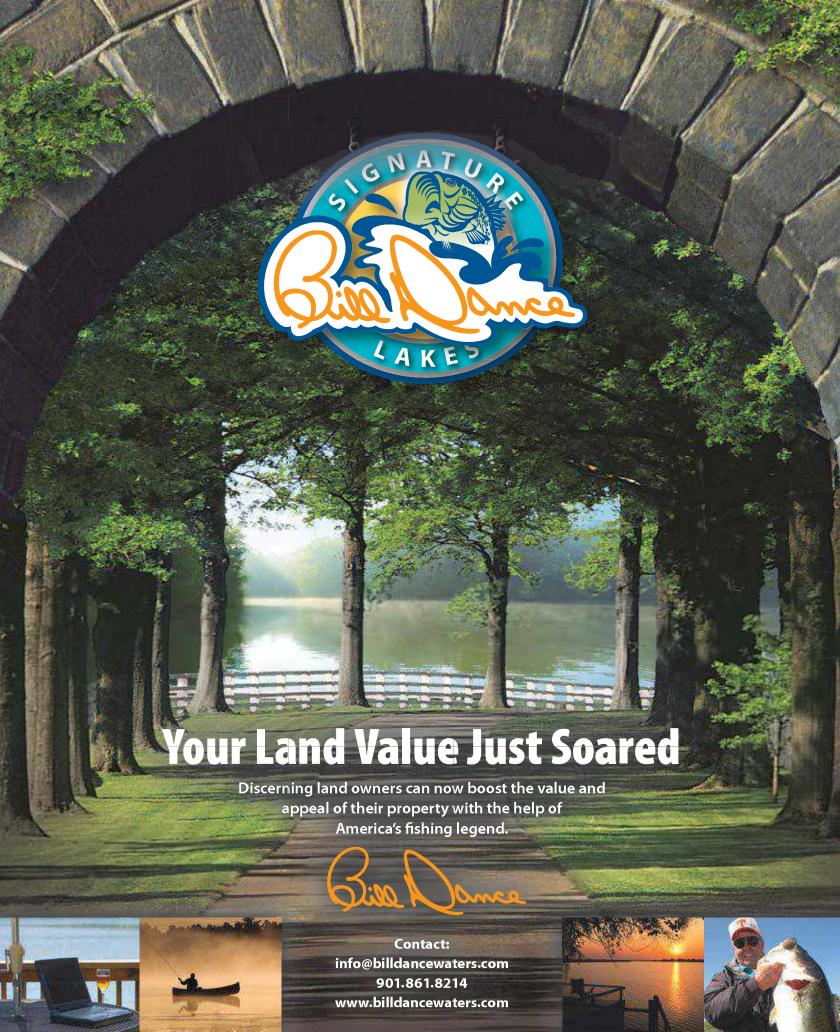
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# **MarketWatch**

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#### PACIFIC

#### Dos Pueblos Ranch Listed for \$100M

Spanish explorer Juan Cabrillo dropped anchor at this 2,175-acre Santa Barbara County landmark in 1542. Kerry Mormann & Associates has the listing.



#### WEST

#### District Judge Allows Wolf Hunts

Judge Donald Molloy ruled that hunting seasons in Idaho and Montana will not irreparably harm the species, which had been listed as endangered until earlier this year.



#### GREAT LAKES

#### **Gander Mountain Ends Power Sports**

GMTN's 2Q loss widened as the outdoor-gear vendor exited the power-sports category. GMTN will no longer market or service boats, ATVs, or powersport services.



#### NORTHEAST

#### Fortuna Pays \$165M for Marcellus Shale Natural Gas Rights

Fortuna Energy will pay 600 Pennsylvania land-owners \$5,500 an acre plus a 20% royalty to lease 30,000 acres and drill for five years.



#### SOUTHWEST

### Land Sales Down 50% in Texas

Rural land sales have dropped 50 percent this year, according to research economist Charles Gilliland with the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University.



#### GREAT PLAINS

#### Land Values Climb in Sunflower State

Kansas farm real estate values and cropland values increased to \$1,040 per acre and \$1,050 per acre, respectively, according to the USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board.



#### SOUTH

#### St. Joe Accelerates Airport Construction

Florida's largest landowner (JOE) accelerated preconstruction development on 1,000 acres of its 71,000-acre holding adjacent to the new Panama City Airport.



#### MIDWEST

### Weak Demand for Ethanol Hurts ADM

Falling commodity prices and a drop in demand for ethanol were the leading reasons Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) reported a \$160M loss in the most recent quarter.



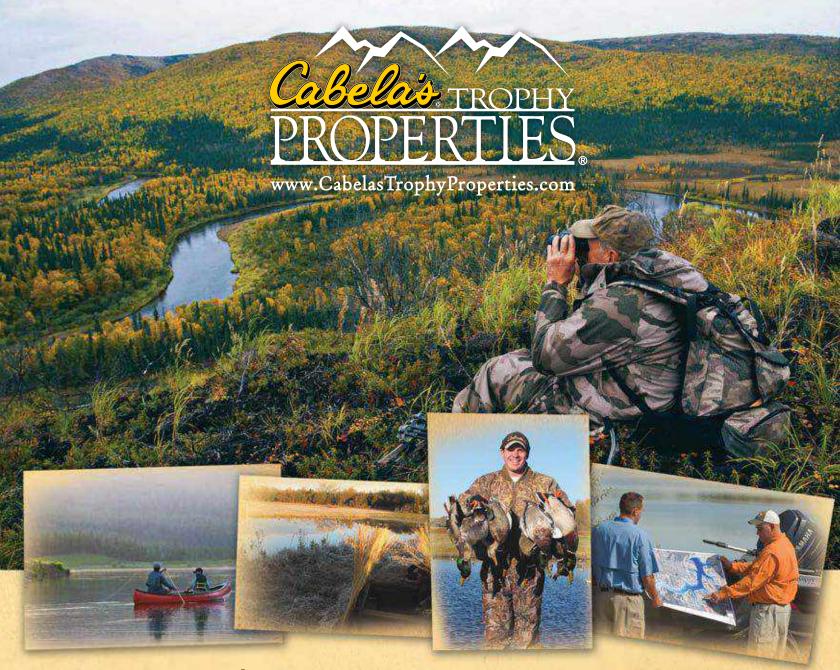
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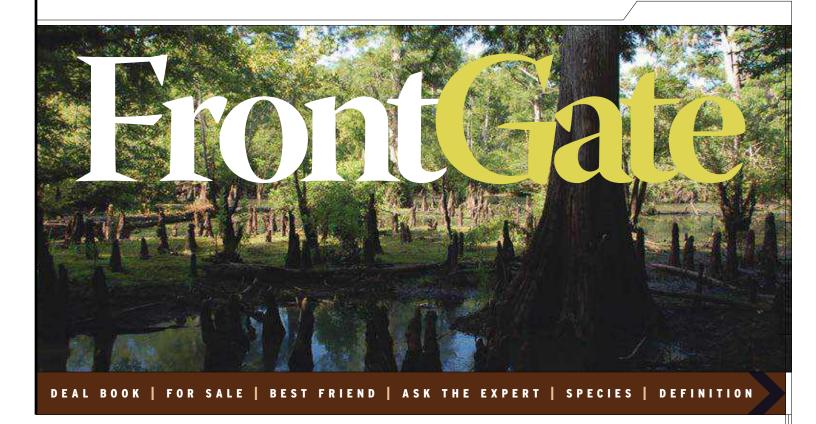
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## East Texas Pineywoods Mitigation Bank On Market

Texas's largest mitigation bank features \$85 million in potential credits.

ne of the largest wetland mitigation banks in the nation is now being marketed by AFM Real Estate. Located in Texas in Angelina, Jasper, and Polk counties, the 19,079-acre Pineywoods Mitigation Bank is currently the Lone Star State's largest wetland mitigation bank and is fully permitted with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Pineywoods Mitigation Bank is the result of six years of cooperation between

The Conservation Fund and GMO Renewable Resources, entities that have spent more than \$2 million extracting all of the permitting and execution risk out of the project.

A contiguous block of 19,079 acres of valuable habitat, the bank is located in the middle of the Neches River basin and provides a corridor between the Davy Crockett and the Angelina National Forests.



A mitigation bank is a wetland, stream, or other aquatic resource area that has been restored, established, enhanced, or preserved for the purpose of providing compensation for unavoidable impacts to aquatic resources.

The Conservation Fund and GMO Renewable Resources seek to sell the bank as a whole to a buyer who can fully focus on the monetization of the \$85 million in potential credit value. The estimated

net present value of the wetland mitigation credits is about \$40 million with an 18 percent discount rate.

"Pineywoods Mitigation Bank is truly a unique piece of property managed for the conservation of natural resources while providing mitigation opportunities," says Tom Margo, Director of Real Estate Sales at the listing broker, AFM Real Estate. Learn more at www.pineywoodsbank.com. -Eric O'Keefe

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FOR SALE

### Coastal Property - A Scenic Opportunity

Shoreline proximity adds life to your landscape and value to your portfolio. -By Nancy Myers

#### PACIFIC

#### **Oceanfront Land**

Kipahulu, Hana, HI \$2 million

This 5.24-acre property consists of two parcels of gently sloping pastureland, all part of Nahikulani, Maui's premier oceanfront Seventh Heaven Estate. Just nine miles from Hana Town and approximately 200 feet from the 'Ohe'o Gulch (Seven Sacred Pools) in Haleakala National Park, it's an easy walk to the water's edge, with verdant pastures grazed by fat happy horses. It's all zoned conservation, and private water flows from a nearby stream.

Tide Rivers/Maui Real Estate (808) 280-8795





#### **Country Estate** Point Arena, CA \$639,000

This property features 2.6 acres with fruit trees, a fenced garden area, a large meadow, and deeded access to Iversen Cove, a private strip of white sand beach that is ideal for activities such as abalone diving, sun bathing, and kayaking.

The Coastal Real **Estate Company** (707) 884-1212







#### The Moorings Port Aransas, TX \$784,900 to \$1,199,900

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#### **GREAT LAKES**



#### Lake Charlevoix Charlevoix, MI \$9.5 million

Fantastic views and 150+ feet of lake frontage complement this parcel's 12.000-square-foot, twostory Colonial. The land comes complete with picturesque panoramas, lakeside dock, and sandy beach on the shore of Lake Charlevoix.

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#### Langdon Farm Sherwood, MD

\$15.5 million These 143 acres line "the

Shore" and feature water views, dock, and large gardens with spectacular landscaping. The 10,000square-foot brick colonial, built in 1929, has 9 bedrooms and is considered one of the treasures of Talbot County.

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#### NORTHEAST



#### Namu

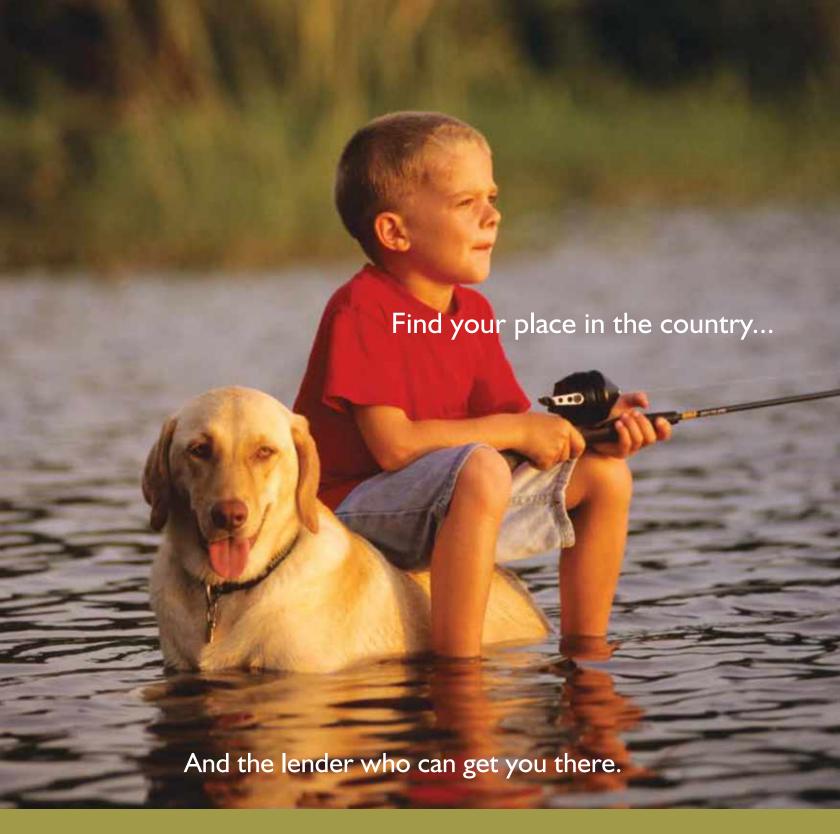
Bunkers Harbor, ME \$3.5 million

With 660 feet of oceanfront and 10 acres at the entrance to Bunker's Harbor, this property's newly constructed Shingle-style home offers seclusion and ocean views. Namu features ample privacy, thanks to its naturally forested setting.

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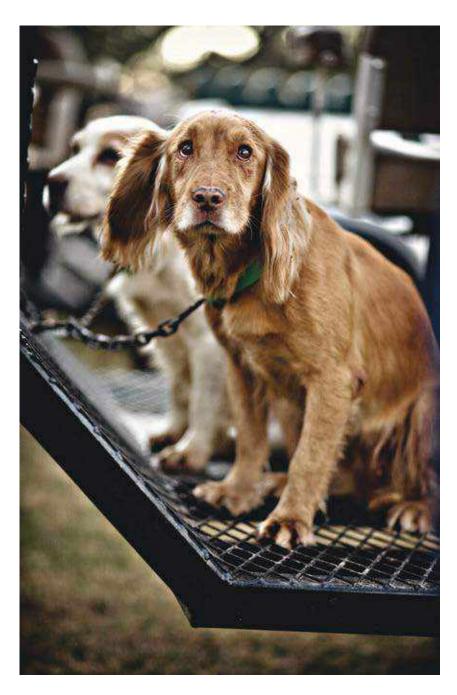
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e'll flush and retrieve every species of upland game bird in North America. Under moderate conditions, he'll fetch a limit of ducks. When he's not hunting, he'll happily sleep with the kids, ride shotgun in your pickup, and keep rabbits out of your lettuce bed.

I'm talking about a cocker spaniel. Seriously. OK, I'm talking about the English cocker spaniel, which is not to be confused with the neurotic, bug-eyed, absurdly-feathered American version that snaps at kids and pees under the table when company arrives.

The English cocker, the smallest of the field spaniels, was named for its proficiency at flushing woodcock and other game birds from the English hedgerows and woodlands. Although the larger springer spaniel remains the most popular flushing spaniel in the U.S., English cockers are gaining popularity, especially in the South where they excel at fetching mourning doves and bobwhite quail. These little spaniels also do a fine job working desert quail, pheasant, and, of course, American woodcock.

The English cocker has a merry, gentle disposition yet rips through cover with abandon. Pups from working stock are natural retrievers and readily take to water. Although cockers can be kept at heel until sent to retrieve, they're happiest working as flushing dogs, quartering within shotgun range.

#### Do:

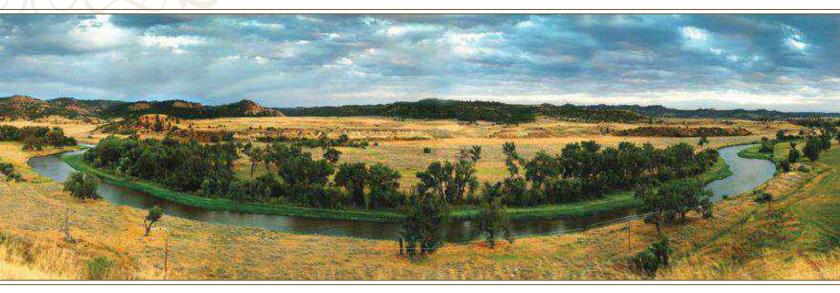
- Select your pup from working stock. Look for litters registered with the United Kennel Club and other working registries.
- Make your cocker a member of the family.

#### Don't:

 Resort to harsh training methods. Like their pointing cousin, the Brittany, cockers need to be "shown," not coerced. AMBER HUMPHRIES & GRETA REYNOLDS

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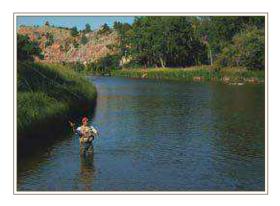
Privately held since the late 1800's, this unique land assemblage is now being offered for sale for the first time ever. Comprising over 17,774 acres, the V Bar C Ranch is rich in Native American history and authentic Cowboy Culture.

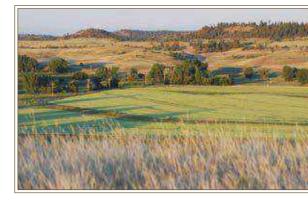
In the late 1800's, after the Civil War, millions of acres of land west of the Mississippi River opened up for settlement. Homesteaders from overcrowded eastern cities moved west to claim these acres and farm the land. Cattlemen also saw their opportunities to spread out in the vast open western rangelands. During the 1800's, ranches scattered the High Plains of Montana providing good livelihoods for wealthy Cattle Barons and their Cowhands. Once the original headquarters of the Brown Cattle Company in Montana, the V Bar C Ranch was a part of this early chapter of Western history and remains today a true testimony to hard work, an enterprising spirit and the good fortune of a location with natural abundance.

Located just northwest of the well-known 46,000-acre OW Ranch, the V

Bar C Ranch is situated on both sides of the Tongue River for five miles below the Tongue River Reservoir. Improvements include the Edmund Randolph cabin, cookhouse, guest cabins and the Salverson Homestead House. Along with Prairie Dog Creek and Canyon Creek, the V Bar C has in excess of 1,070 acre feet of water storage in the Tongue River Reservoir with territorial diversion rights out of the Tongue River. An extensive network of ditches and diversion structures, along with two sprinklers, irrigate approximately 600 acres that can yield an annual production of up to 2,500 tons of grass/alfalfa hay. The V Bar C continues to operate today as a cattle operation, running 500-pair with an additional 100 pair permit in the Custer National Forest.

With control of both sides of the Tongue River, lush knee-high grasslands, irrigated meadows, tree-covered hillsides, and unspoiled terrain, the V Bar C Ranch is considered one of the most impressive historic ranches in the American West today and is truly a once-in-a-lifetime purchase opportunity.





V Bar C Ranch BIRNEY, MONTANA IN ROSEBUD COUNTY 40 miles from Sheridan, Wyoming



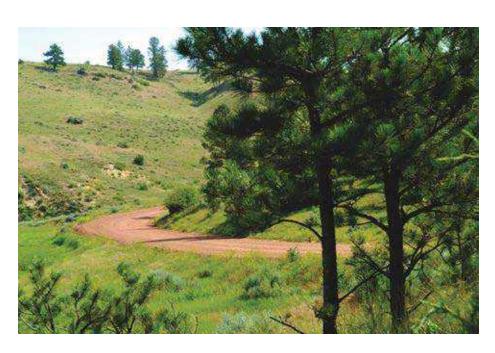
**ASK THE EXPERT** 

## Improve Access to Your Property

The end of the year is an ideal time to make this crucial upgrade to your property, as Bill Benton and Robert Chandler explain.

- Interview by Henry Chappell

WITH THE GROWING SEASON OVER, NOW IS THE TIME TO REAP THE BENEFITS OF SPRING AND SUMMER IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR LAND. FALL AND WINTER PROVIDE THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO EVALUATE ACCESS, ONE OF THE MOST PRACTICAL YET OVERLOOKED ASPECTS OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, ACCORDING TO THE FOUNDERS OF **EVOLVED OUTDOORS. BILL BENTON** AND ROBERT CHANDLER ADVISE LAND-INTENSIVE RECREATIONAL BUSINESSES SUCH AS BILL DANCE SIGNATURE LAKES AND DEER CREEK LODGE ON HOW TO MAXIMIZE STEWARDSHIP, QUALITY OF EXPERIENCE, VALUE ACCELERATION, AND RETURN ON INVESTMENT.



### hat's a good approach for landowners looking to maximize a property's value?

Too often, land management is split into two distinct camps. On the one hand you'll have the biology and wildlife camp, which can be all about stewardship. Then there's the financial camp, which is driven by the real estate market and sales value. A competent landowner needs to adopt an overall philosophy that combines the two to maximum effect.

#### Give us an example.

Consider access. Most landowners are guilty of simply using whatever roads are on the property they purchased. They do little to no analysis on how the roads run and why they run the way they do.

#### What's wrong with that?

There's an emotional element to access that translates to value. When you pull onto a property, you want the "wow" factor, one that adds to the financial and aesthetic value of your land.

So how do you balance these two approaches? From a stewardship perspective, roads should allow for

wildlife sanctuaries, corridors, and viewing areas. Although you want convenient access to hunting, you also need to maintain contiguous blocks of excellent habitat. Poorly planned roads can degrade habitat, cause erosion, and create the potential for unwanted disturbance.

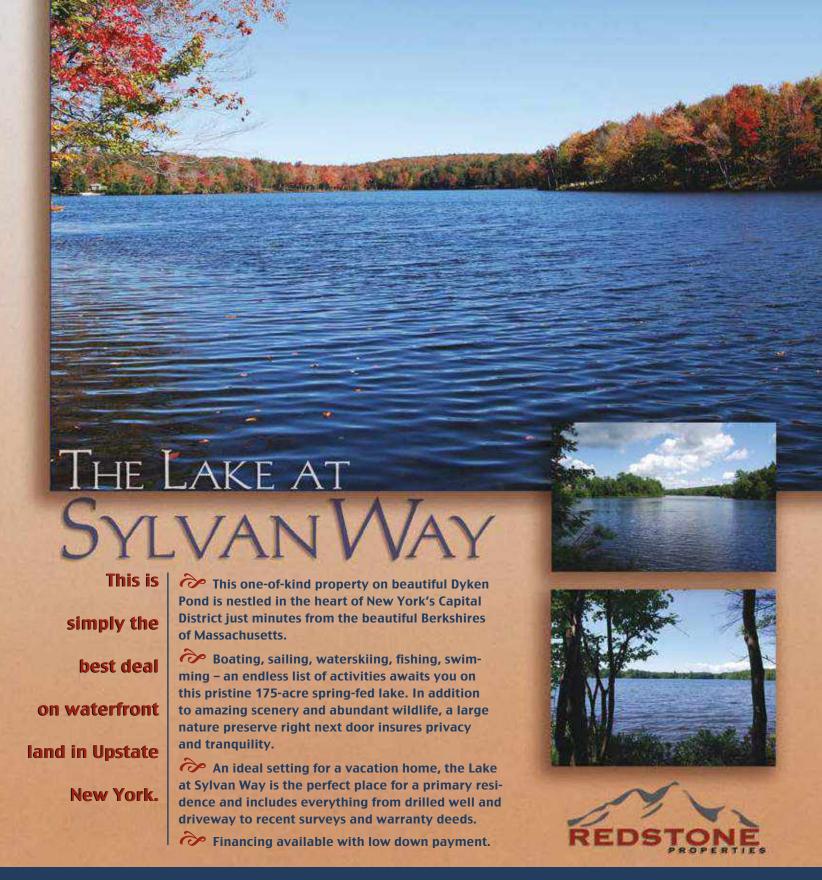
#### Why is this time of year a good time to consider access?

The fall and winter seasons allow you the opportunity to view your property without leaf obstruction. You can see the lay of the land in ways you can't during the growing season. This is the best time to consider ways that access improvements can enhance both the ecological and financial value of your property. You may want to lay out roads to improve the visibility of lakes and ponds or consider separate routes for regular property maintenance and hunting. Access should be controlled to minimize excess or public traffic and to maximize a sense of exclusivity.

#### What about stewardship? What role does that play?

Always consider Mother Nature. Minimize erosion with natural drainage. Remember, stewardship equals value, and well-designed access is an important part of that equation.

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3.6 acres with over 460 feet of crystal-clear frontage on a pristine, private 175-acre mountain lake for just \$275,000.

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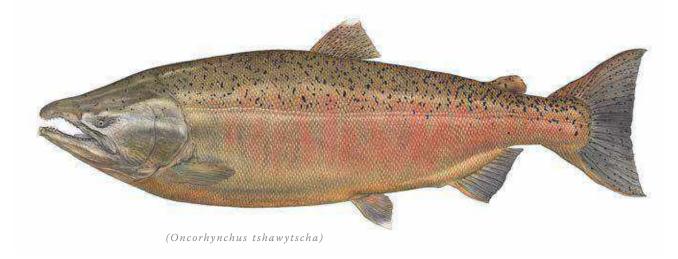
## Chinook Salmon

From *BIG: The 50 Greatest World Record Catches*Text by Mike Rivkin and Art by Flick Ford

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t's not common to find the actual lure that fooled a world record fish in the IGFA files. Most have either been chewed to pieces or kept as souvenirs by the lucky angler. In this case, however, the fateful lure used by Les Anderson to snare his giant chinook salmon is there. Of course, it's not much of a lure. This historic bit of terminal tackle includes a cone-shaped body made from balsa wood with two flexible rubber blades set into the sides. The "Spin" is evidently imparted by the blades while the "Glow" refers to the gaudy neon red and orange colors of the body. All in all, it looks rather like a radioactive bumblebee in search of its head. Aside from appearance, its modest size makes it barely worth eating for a fish the size of the world record chinook. For his part, Mr. Anderson appears to be a buttoned-down angler in his personal photograph in the IGFA file, and not likely to employ such a ridiculous-looking lure. In fishing, as in life, appearances can be deceiving. Clearly, he knew exactly what he was doing.

In the event, the giant fish battled for almost an hour, dragging the angler's small boat up the Kenai River for more than a quarter-mile. Les was a long-time resident of Alaska and had been fishing the Kenai for years. He was well aware of the rough gravel bottom along some parts of the river that would occasionally cut a deep-running fish loose, but he always fished without a leader.



Bites were more forthcoming that way. He was also no stranger to big chinook, having landed previous lunkers up to sixty pounds. Still, the classic photo of that day shows him with the widest possible smile even as he strains to hoist the monster fish. The setting is pure Alaska: the angler bundled and be-wadered, steel utility buildings in the background, the sky gray and lined with hardwood trees in the throws of their seasonal growth. Oh ... and the salmon is of epic size.

Chinook is the legendary "king" or Tyee salmon, its great size and leaping ability placing it at the head of the salmonid court. Unlike some of its relations that appear to have swallowed a rainbow, the colors of a king salmon give a hued delicacy to its beauty. In many ways, the chinook is the classic gamefish: beautifully formed and colored, the largest of its kind, a willing but not overeager feeder, acrobatic but not exhaustively so, a delicacy on the dinner table, and found only in the most magnificent of settings. In Alaska, the chinook season peaks during the first week in July when the skies are brightest and the days without end. They come up the rivers in waves, mostly invisible from above but a cluttered waterborne highway underneath the surface. Bears feast and anglers labor when the salmon are in the river. To reduce such a fish to a can is to pervert the laws of nature. Hopefully, Mr. Anderson found a better use for his.

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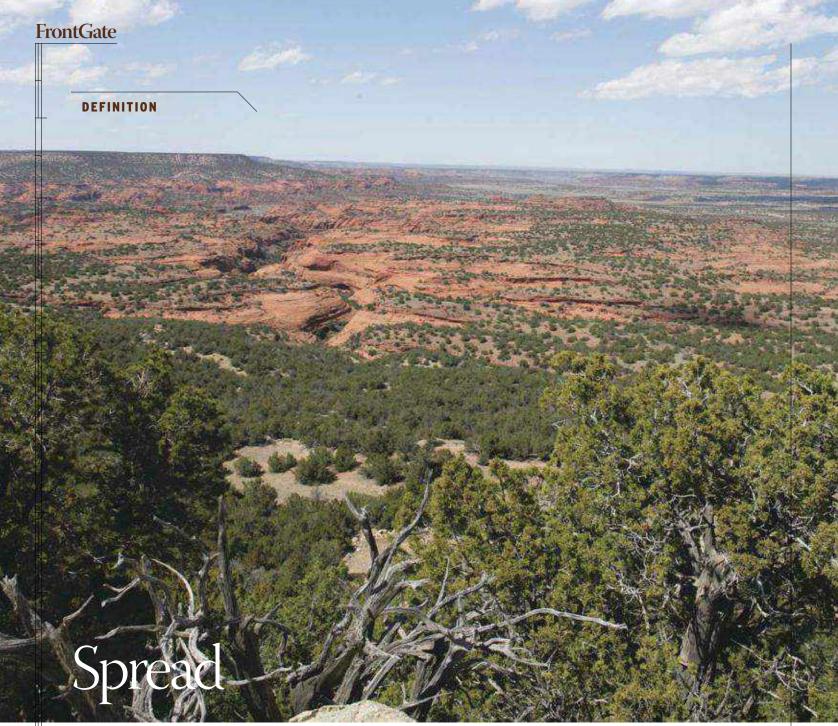
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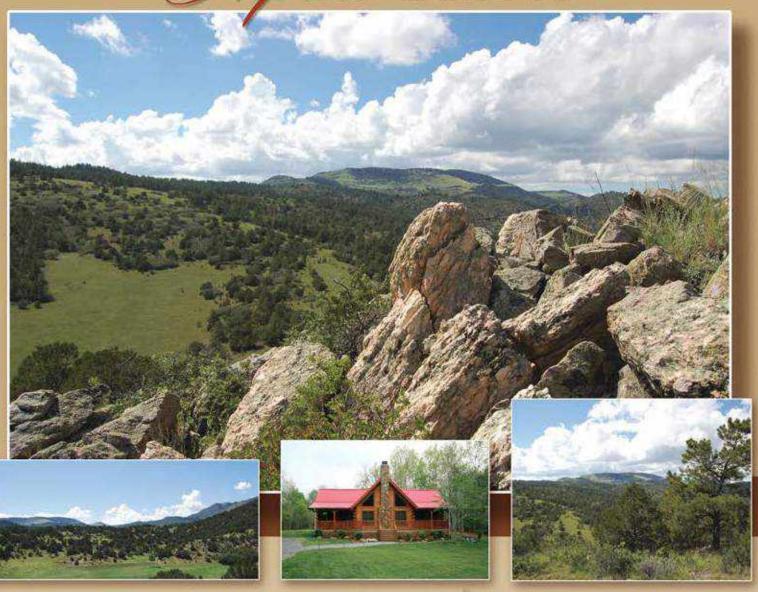
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Inherent to the term—and very important—is the idea not just of extension, but of covering. Thus in ranching, where spread is in all likelihood a shortened version of cow spread, it doesn't refer just to the land the ranch encompasses, but also to the buildings, fences, cattle, horses, equipment, and hands scattered, or "spread," over the place, holding it together and making it work. However, as the term has been imported back into urban areas, where "wide area" is something of a relative idea, spread is seeing use again on a much more limited scale, as in Carl Hiaasen's *Sick Puppy*, set in South Florida: "Nice spread the guy had: old two-story Spanish stucco with barrel-tile shingles and vines crawling the walls."

— *Stephen Graham Jones* 

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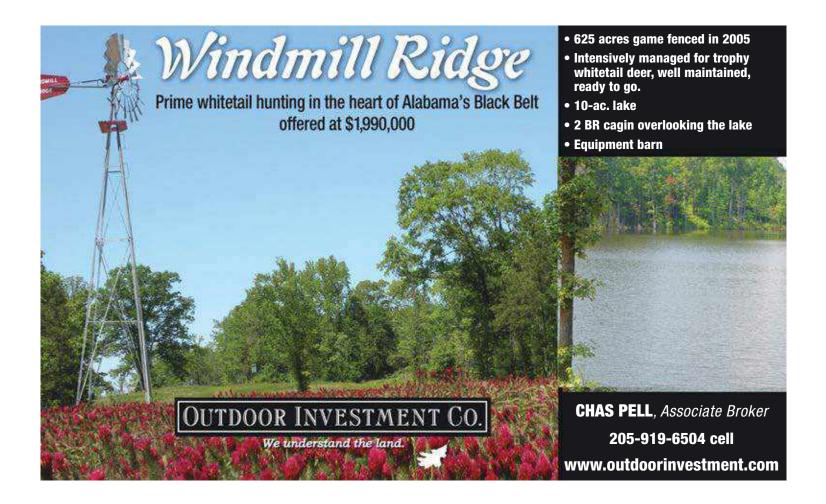
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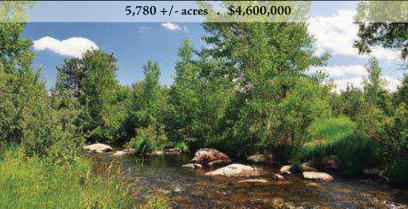
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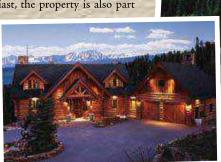
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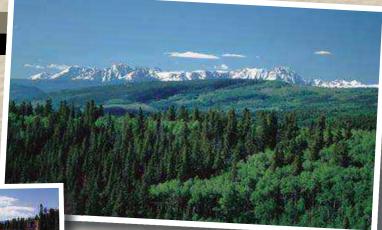
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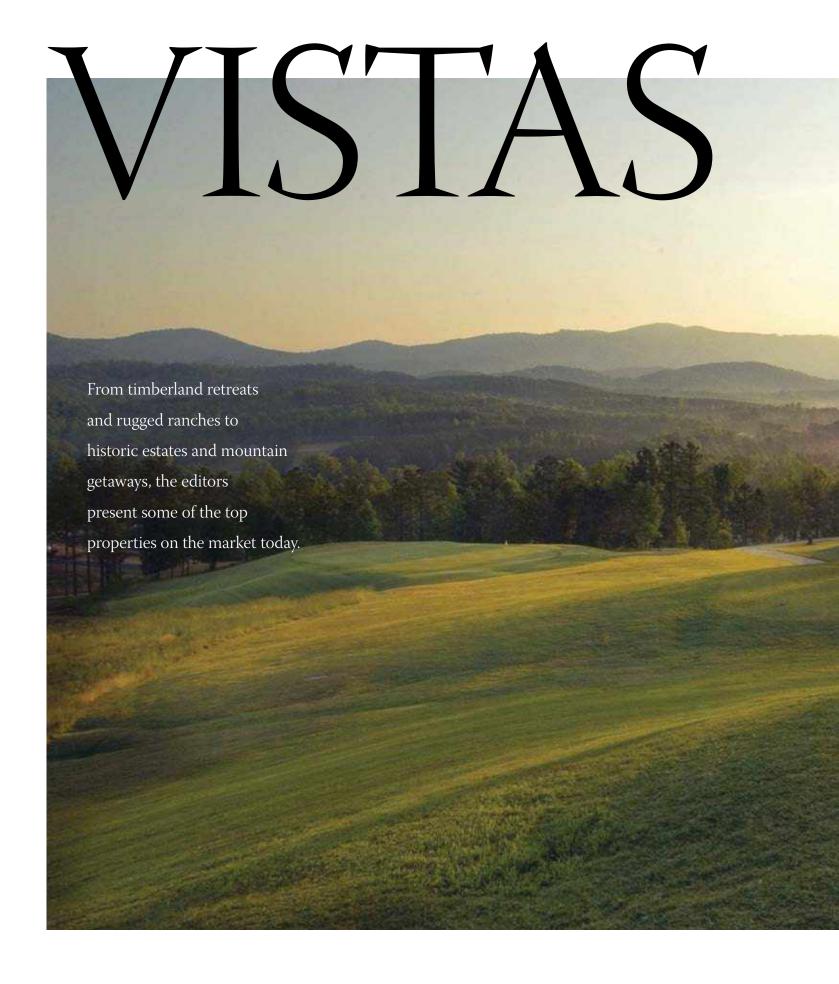
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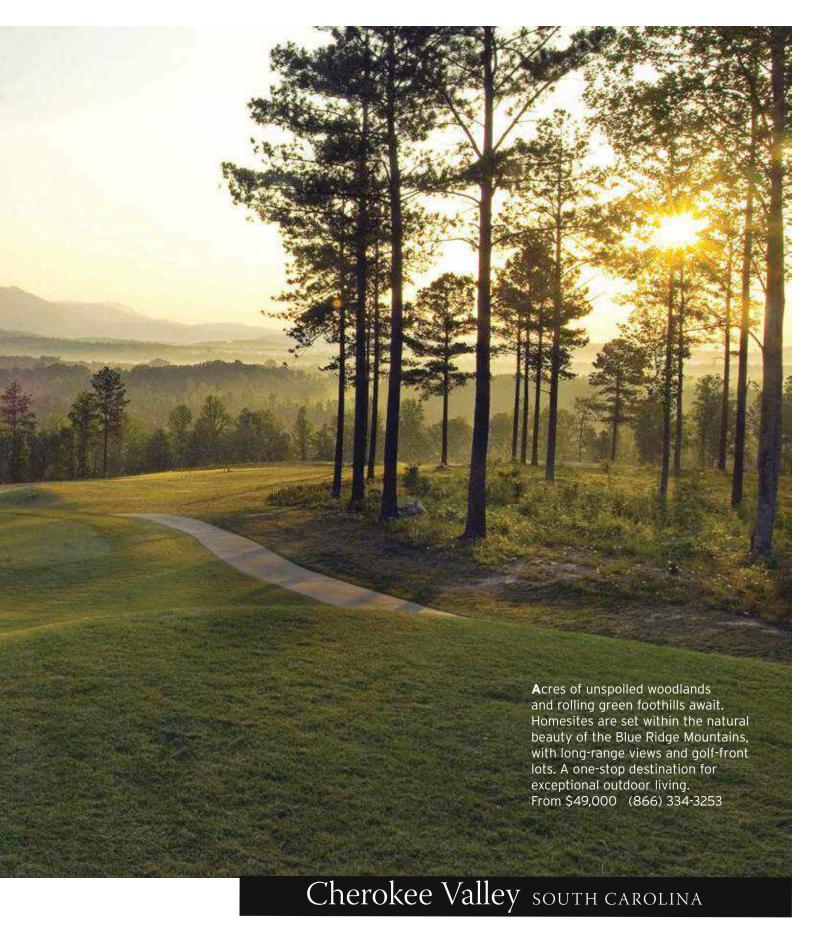
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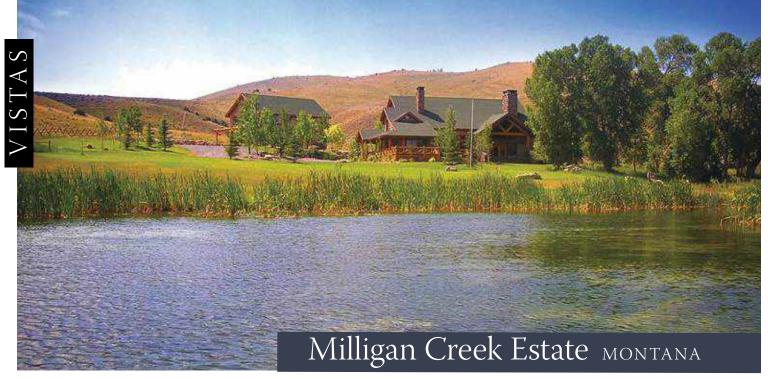
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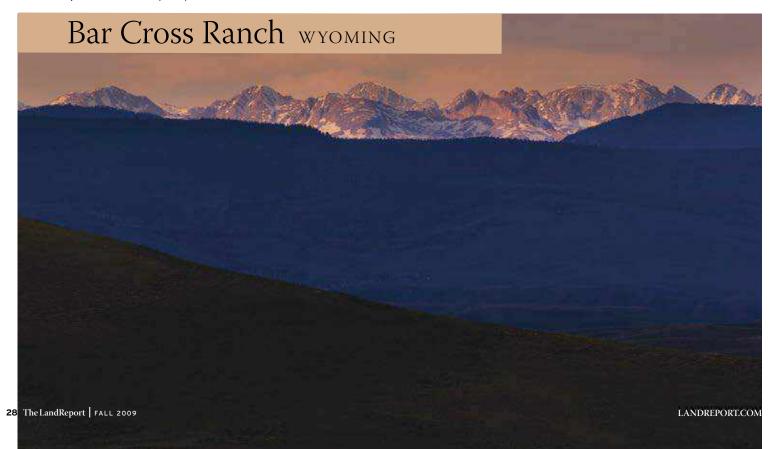
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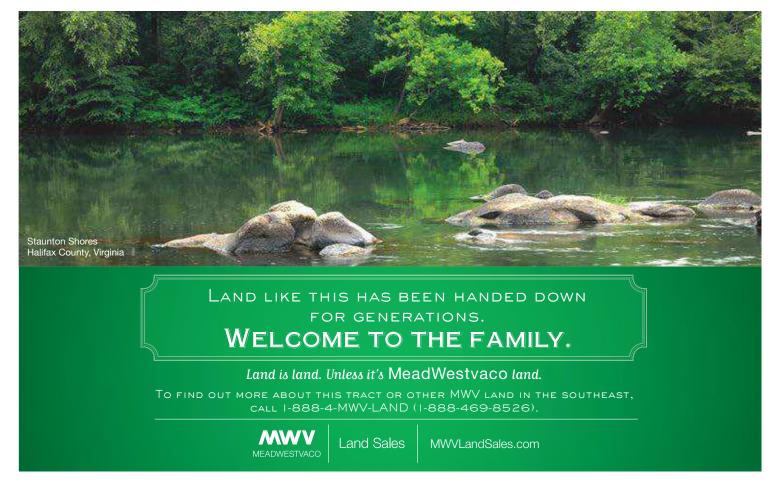


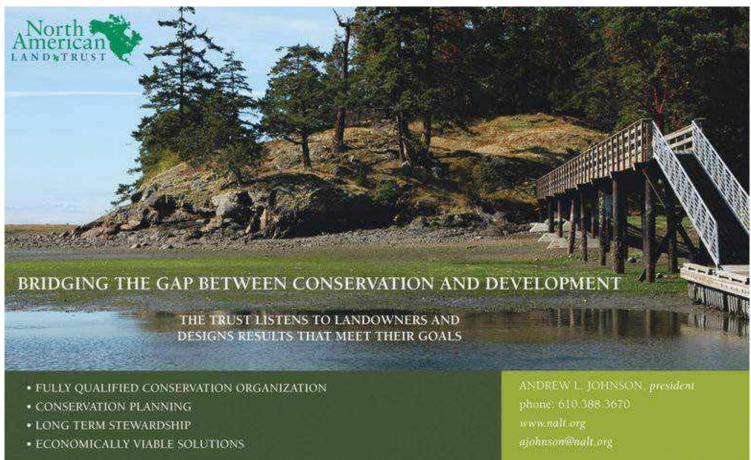


This wonderfully secluded 12,045-acre parcel features easy access to Jackson Hole and borders BLM, national forest, and state lands, with breathtaking views of three major ranges. The Bar Cross features 3 miles of private trophy trout fishing on the New Fork River and 8 miles on Willow Creek. A private 40-acre lake and several small ponds are stocked with large trout and fed by natural springs. \$29.5 million (307) 734-6100

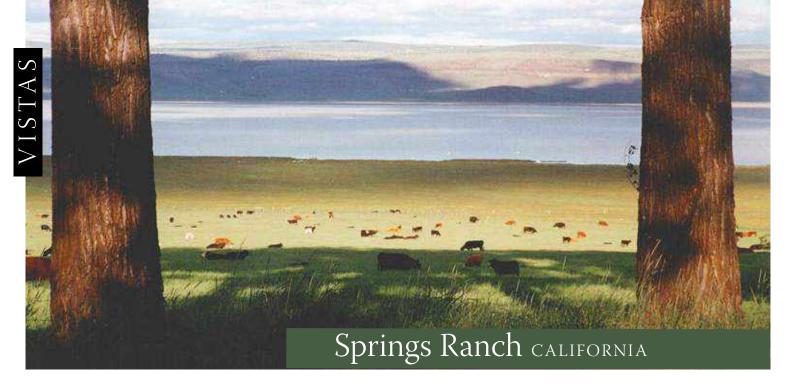
This picturesque estate is Big Sky living at its best, with 900 deeded acres set in a private draw off the world-renowned Gallatin Valley. The 3,800-square-foot Bayliss Ward-designed main residence is complemented by a 1,230-square-foot, 3B/2B guest home located above the oversized two-car garage. The combination of varied wildlife and excellent rangeland make for an ideal gentleman's ranch. \$1.9 million (307) 684-5201





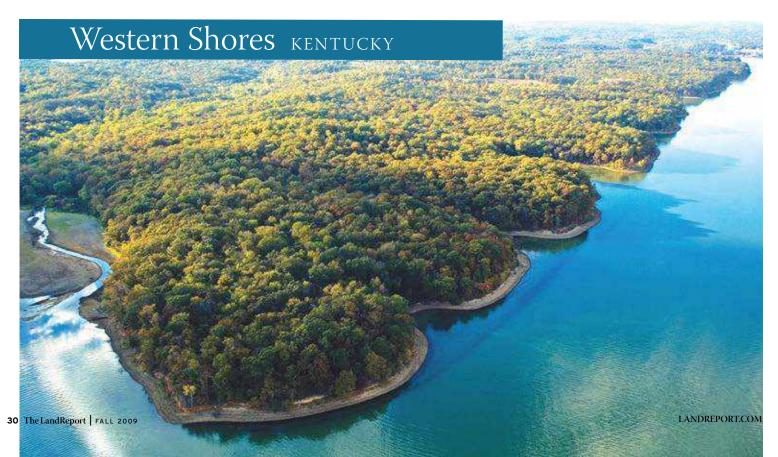


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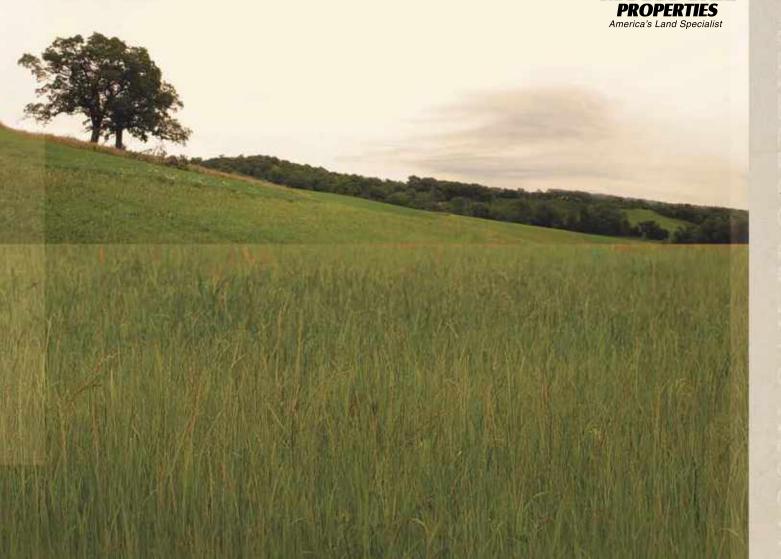


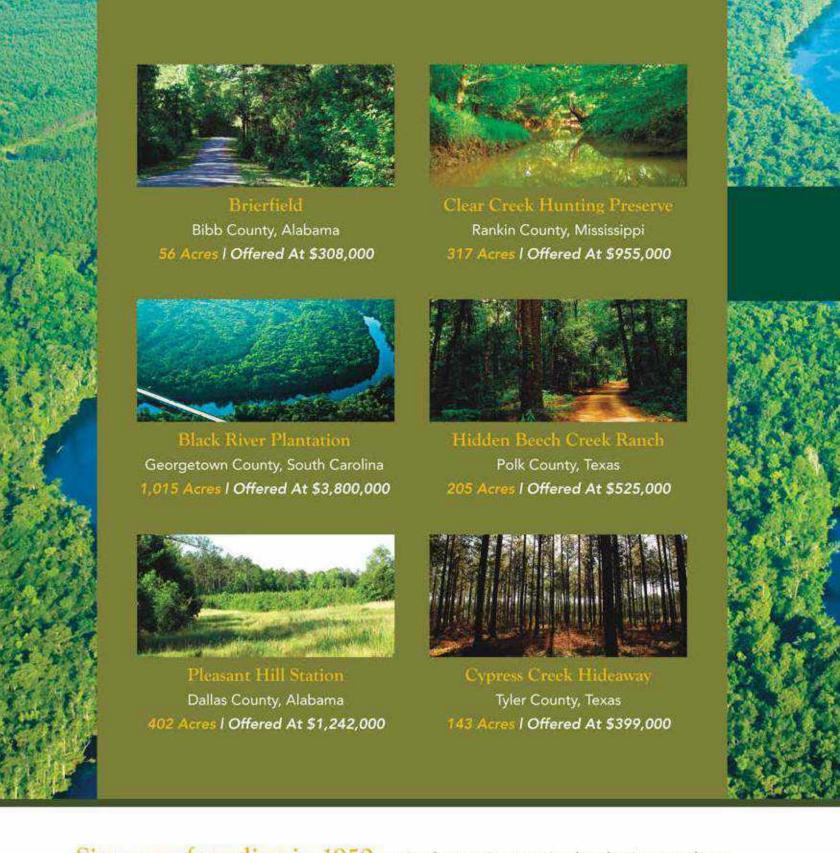
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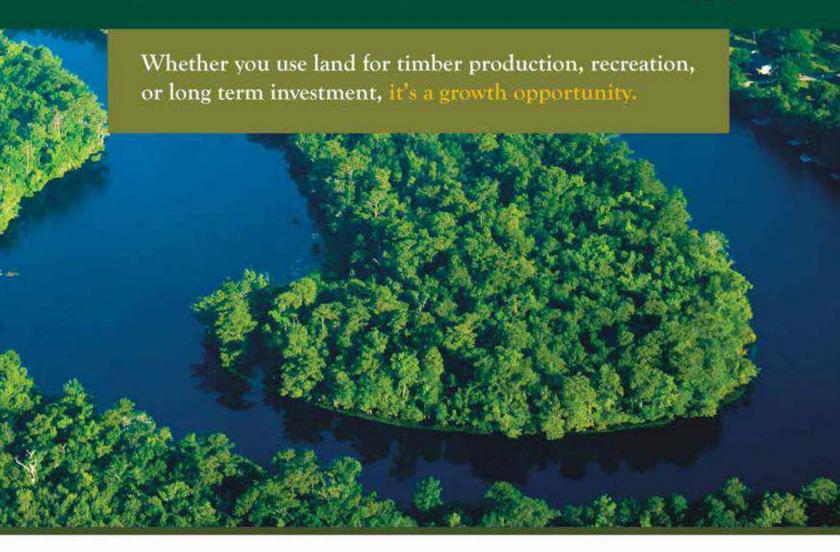


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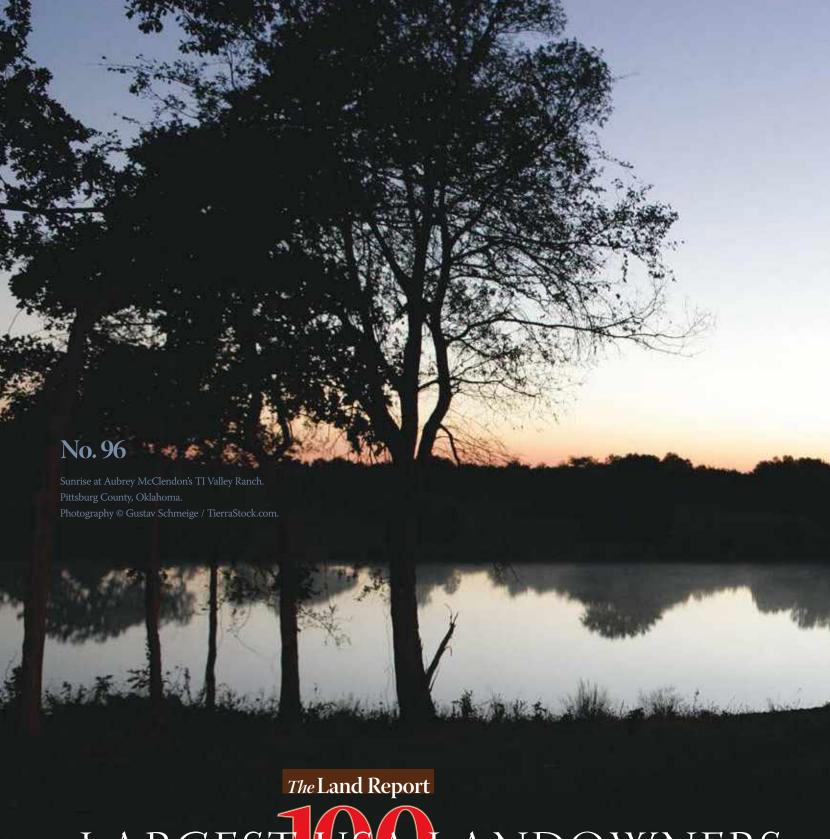
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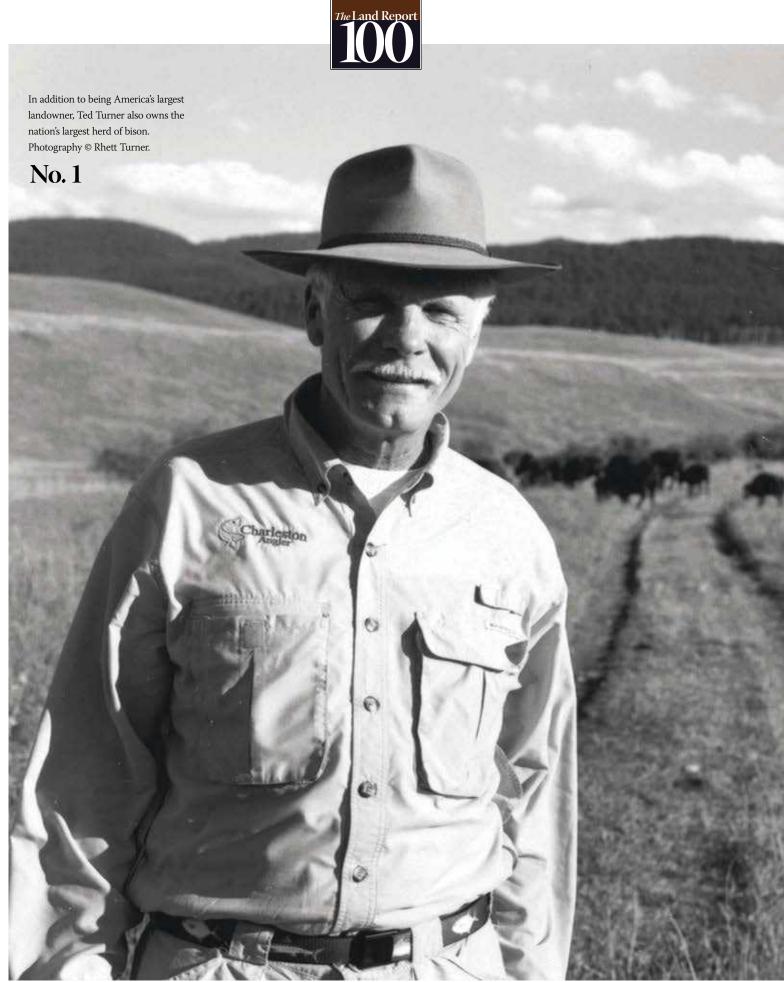






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### **Ted Turner**

2 million acres

**▼**ed Turner's 2 million acres include three ranches in New Mexico, four in Montana, five in Nebraska, one in Kansas, one in Oklahoma, and one in South Dakota. He also owns eight properties in the Southeast. Turner operates his ranches "from an environmental viewpoint," as he puts it. In fact, one of Turner's motivations for purchasing Montana's Flying D was to return it to its native condition before settlers arrived 150 years ago. Down came power lines, fence posts, and barbed wire, and in their place he put a herd of bison and a conservation easement from The Nature Conservancy.

Turner purchased his first bison in 1976 and his first ranch in 1987: the Bar None in Montana. Today, he owns 15 ranches in the U.S. (plus an additional two in Argentina) and his bison herd numbers more than 50,000, the largest in the world. Clearly, bison is no passing fancy for the media pioneer. He focuses his land ownership in the Western Plains because it's the environment best suited to raising the animal. In addition to bison, his Turner Endangered Species Fund ensures the persistence of imperiled species and their habitats on his lands and off such the gray wolf, the swift fox, and desert bighorn sheep.

Turner has also made great strides to preserve the land as well as the animals that roam on it. Said Turner in his 2008 autobiography Call Me Ted, "I'm proud of the work we've done to preserve and protect the properties, and I've tried to do everything I can to make sure that they're maintained after I'm gone. With my passing the properties will be protected by conservation easements. In certain parts of the country, my rancher neighbors have grown suspicious of me and created theories about ulterior motives I might have, going so far as to speculate that I might be trying to tie up and control water rights for entire regions. None of this is true. As long as the conservation laws of the United States remain in place, the land will be protected from development in perpetuity."

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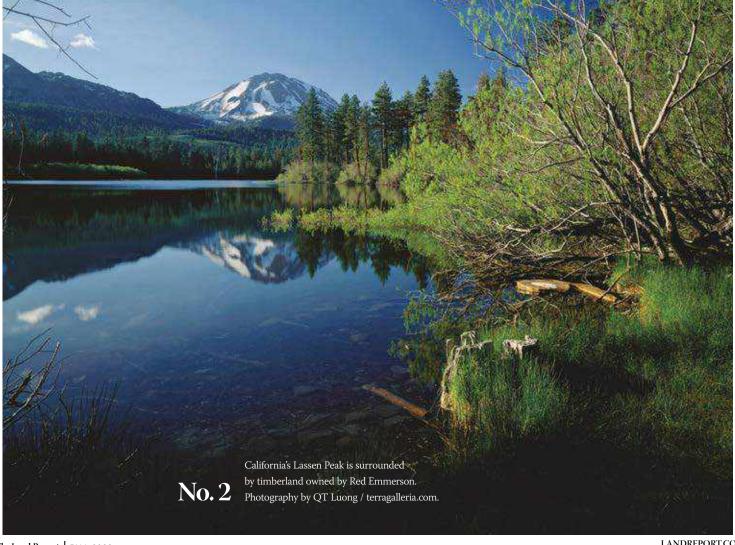


# Archie Aldis "Red" Emmerson

1.722 million acres



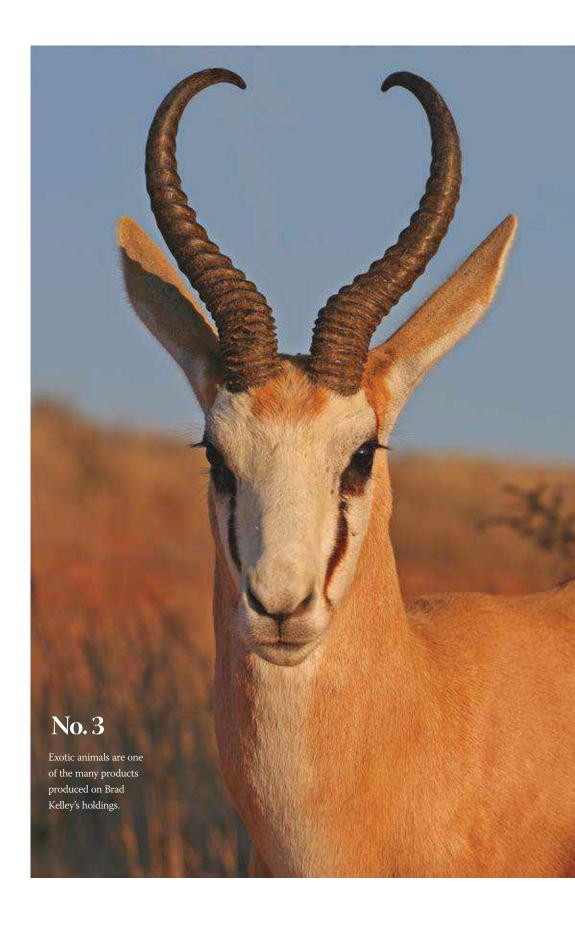
Immerson turned his father's lumber mill into Sierra Pacific Industries, took the company public in 1969, and then took it private four years later. Today, Sierra Pacific is the nation's second-largest lumber producer (by volume). It owns and manages 1.722 million acres of forestland in California and Washington, including thousands of acres of timberland surrounding Lassen Peak. Among its holding are the 147,000-acre Hamilton Tree Farm in Washington and Emmerson's original major land investment of 522,000 acres, which he purchased from Santa Fe Southern Pacific Railroad.



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# Brad Kelley 1.7 million acres

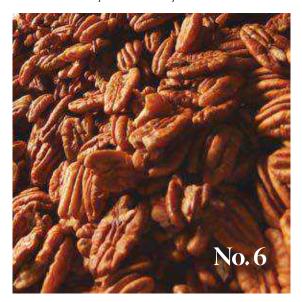
lush with his estimated \$750 million profit from the sale of his Commonwealth Brands in 1990, Kelley began investing in real estate—and how. Today Kelley owns an estimated 1.7 million acres in New Mexico, Florida, and Texas and has used his resources to become a noted wildlife conservationist. He has even helped with the protection of species such as the desert antelope. On his 60,000-acre Florida ranch outside Sarasota, he breeds rare species of rhinos, pygmy hippos, gazelles, antelopes, wildebeests, impalas, and even anoa, a miniature water buffalo native to Indonesia. All eventually find homes in zoos around the world.

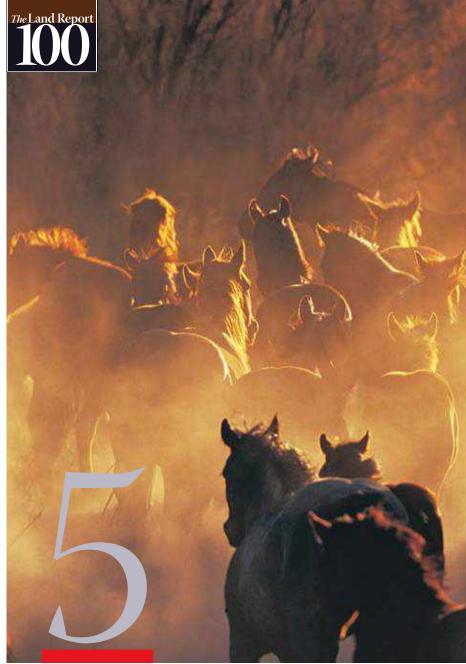


# **Irving Family**

1.2 million acres

D. Irving started his namesake company over 125 years ago with three farms, a sawmill and a gristmill in New Brunswick, Canada. Today, that original sawmill and gristmill have expanded into seven operating divisions that produce an amazing range of products and services, including diapers, bath tissue, transportation services, shipbuilding, and even frozen potatoes. But the company's roots are in forestry, and it's a behemoth in that industry. The Irvings own 1.7 million acres in Canada and another 1.2 million acres in Maine. The company has led a reforestation push, planting over 30 million trees annually (and over 700 million since 1957—a record in Canada). The company has also placed a focus on habitat conservation and environmental education projects, including a Nature Park in Saint John, New Brunswick. James K. Irving is the chairman, James D. Irving the president of J.D. Irving Limited, and Kenneth Irving the president and CEO of the separate oil and natural gas company, Irving Oil. Since all holdings are privately owned, the secret of how to turn three farms into three million acres stays in the family.



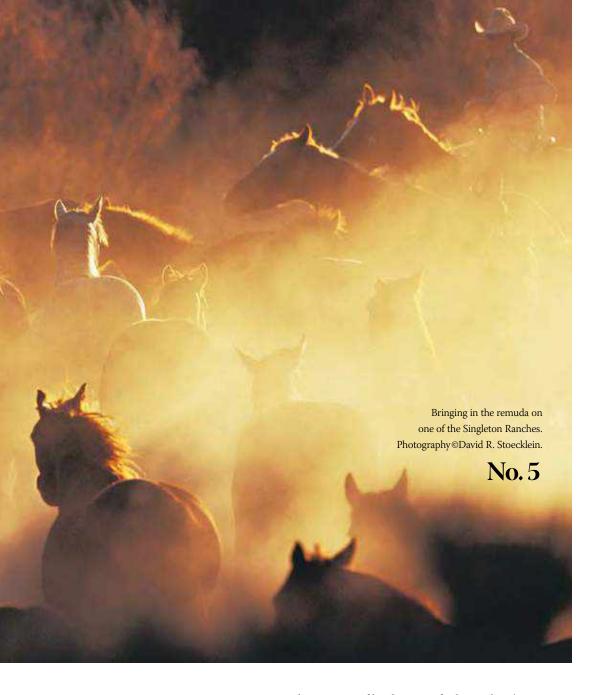


# Singleton Family

1.1 million acres

enry Singleton wanted to provide a legacy for his family and protect historically significant land. He began investing in ranches and eventually purchased 29 of them in California and New Mexico. The ranch that started it all, the culture-rich San Cristobal outside Santa Fe, was once home to Indian pueblos, but it's now the base of the Singleton Ranches' horse division. This division of the ranch conglomerate has facilities for breeding and training and holds horse clinics every year that are open to the public. In keeping with Dr. Singleton's wishes of protecting the lands' histories, the family has kept the original names of their holdings. In addition to the San Cristobal, there's the Aqua Verde, Bar Y, Conchas, and Bojax, to name a few. "Singleton Properties LLC has 1,016,000 deeded acres in New Mexico, and we lease another 180,000 acres. In California, we own 95,000 acres," says Will Singleton, who oversees the company's holdings.

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**John Malone** 900,000 acres

uying up large tracts of land is one of John Malone's priorities. Developing that land is not. Malone is chairman of Colorado-based Liberty Media Corporation, which counts the QVC home shopping network, network movie channel Starz, and the Atlanta Braves professional baseball team among its holdings. He's used his \$1.5-billion fortune to purchase hundreds of thousands of acres in Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico. He protects it as well. Malone is on the board of the Colorado chapter of the Nature Conservancy, and in Maine he put an island under a conservation easement. Those who prefer paradise to parking lots are grateful to him for preserving Greenland Ranch between Denver and Colorado Springs. Malone spent millions acquiring the land from developers who wanted to link the two cities. The exceedingly private Malone told *The Denver Post* last year that it's important to preserve open land for future generations because once it is developed, there's no going back.

## King Ranch Heirs 900,000-plus acres

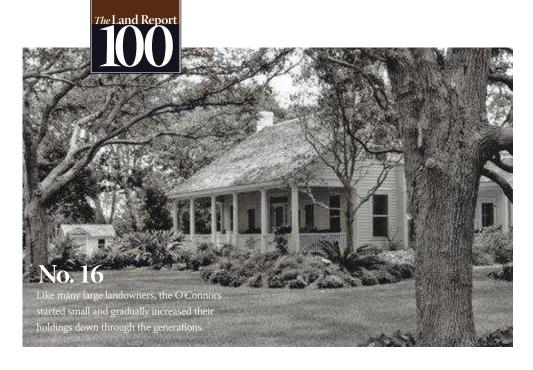
he fabled Texas ranch was originally purchased by steamboat captain Richard King, whose keen eye recognized the potential of the grasslands near Santa Gertrudis Creek. King blended the southern plantation style with the Mexican hacienda tradition to create a successful and unique way of running his ever larger ranch. Captain King also had an eye for breeding better horses and cattle. Continuing his work, son-in-law Robert Kleberg Sr. passed this unique ranching tradition on to his sons, Richard and Robert, resulting in the first American breed of cattle, Santa Gertrudis; the first registered American Quarter Horse, Wimpy; and the 1946 Triple Crown winner, Assault. High standards for his heirs to live up to, but uphold the family's heritage of innovation they have. Expansion in agriculture, energy, and land holdings has kept King Ranch and its famous Running W brand on top. In addition to farming and livestock production, King Ranch is also active in pecan processing and marketing (opposite page), Turfgrass production, publishing, retail, and eco-tourism (all activities that surely would have made a steamboat captain proud).

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# Pingree Heirs

850.000 acres

began buying Maine timberland in the 1800s to hedge his bets on his port business in Massachusetts. Today his descendants still hold that land ... and more. Development is largely restricted. In 2001 the Pingree heirs sold the largest conservation easement in U.S. history, a record-setting 762,192 acres. The family's Seven Islands Land Co. offers services such as surveying, mapping and forest inventory analysis, timber cruising, and silviculture. The private company's holdings are certified as an American Tree Farm by the Forest Stewardship Council and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative.



# **Reed Family**

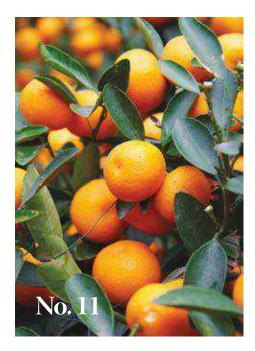
770,000 acres

ol Simpson started this privately held company before the turn of the 20th century in the lush Pacific Northwest. Steady growth allowed him to acquire more and more land, including acres of storied California redwoods. The modern version of his company, Simpson Investment, was publicly traded but all non-family shareholders were bought out in 1987. In addition to the timberlands, the family owns a door company, a paper company, and a number of rendering and production facilities. By the time the company celebrated its centennial, it was one of the largest producers of fine paper in the U.S. The timber business thrived by acquiring more land to add to the family's holdings, which spread over Washington, Oregon, and California.





ow in its seventh decade, the Ford family-owned Roseburg Forest Products has not only realized but also expanded on the goals of founder Kenneth Ford. What started as a single sawmill near Roseburg, Oregon, is now one of the largest family-owned wood products manufacturers in the nation. And just as Kenneth Ford was an early proponent of responsible forest management, the family company continues to pioneer timber stewardship. In the fall of this year, Roseburg's plants in Mississippi and South Carolina were certified to produce Forest Stewardship Council Certified products. Today Kenneth's son Allyn serves as company president, overseeing the family's timber and wood products empire.



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Lykes Bros. Heirs 612,000 acres

We don't know if there were seven brides for Dr. Howell Tyson Lykes' seven sons, but if there were, they all would have had plenty of space to spread out. Lykes Ranch spans 337,000 acres in Florida's Glades and Highland counties and is home to a cow-calf operation, forestry, landscaping, sugar cane, and, most recently, bioenergy crops. The family's O2 ranch in the Big Bend country of Far West Texas covers an additional 275,000 acres just north of the Mexican border.

| Stan Kroenke **4** 600,000 acres

Sports enthusiasts know Kroenke as the owner of the NBA's Denver Nuggets, the NHL's Colorado Avalanche, the MLS's Colorado Rapids, and Denver's Pepsi Center. In addition, the Missouri native is co-owner of the NFL's St. Louis Rams and the British soccer

team Arsenal. Oenophiles know Kroenke as the proprietor of Napa Valley's Screaming Eagle Winery and Santa Barbara County's Jonata Wines. But we know him as the owner of several sizable ranches.

Huber Famuy 600,000 acres | Huber Family

With its energy and timber divisions, the J.M. Huber Corporation owns over 600,000 acres. Oil and gas properties can be found in Texas, Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas, and Utah, while timberlands stretch across Oklahoma, Maine, and the Southeast. The family-owned company is recognized for its responsible environmental stewardship, a fact that founder Joseph Maria Huber would relish. He would also be impressed with the technology his descendants employ to maximize forest yield, such as soil typing, biological growth models, and

even scanning technology to maximize the value of logs.

Dolph Briscoe Jr. 560,000 acres

A direct descendant of an original signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence, Briscoe enhanced the family's legacy in the Lone Star State by serving in the state legislature, where he helped fund the construction of the state's farm-to-market roads, and in the Governor's Mansion, where he served two terms in the 1970s. He retired to Uvalde, where the 86-year-old runs Briscoe Ranch, which was established by his father. A generous philanthropist, he has donated millions to various Texas organizations such as the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

| W.T. Waggoner Estate 15 w.1. wassen The nation's largest ranch

under one fence covers more

than 800 square contiguous miles south of Vernon, Texas. Although most of the land is in oil production, 26,000 acres are in cultivation. The Waggoner also breeds horses, many of which carry the bloodline of the legendary Poco Bueno, the first Quarter Horse to be insured for \$100,000

| O'Connor Heirs 16 O'Connor Field 500,000 acres

Irish pioneer Thomas O'Connor believed in trading cattle for land long before conventional wisdom dictated that land was a sound investment. The forward-thinking O'Connor also fenced his hundreds of thousands of acres in South Texas before it was popular to do so, thus greatly increasing the value of his holdings. Today, the descendants of Thomas O'Connor and his sons, Thomas M. and Dennis M., share ownership of an estimated 500,000 acres in the Coastal Bend.



#### **Robert Earl Holding** 400,000 acres

This self-made billionaire has

owned Sinclair Oil since 1976 (along with its 2,600 gas stations, 3 refineries, and 1,000 miles of pipeline). Earl Holding also owns 400,000 acres of ranchland in Wyoming and Montana as well as the Sun Valley and Snowbasin ski resorts. In addition, Holding owns the Grand America Hotel in Salt Lake City, which was built for the 2002 Winter Olympics, and the Little America hotel chain. The octogenarian still runs his companies personally.

#### **○** | Simplot Family 355,746 acres

The J.R. Simplot Company got its start in the potato-growing business and expanded over the years to include phosphate mining, fertilizer manufacturing, farming, ranching and cattle production, and food processing. (See page 64 for a more extensive profile of company founder Jack Simplot). Today, Scott Simplot chairs the family's privately held agribusiness firm. The family's holdings include 15 ranches in Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, and Utah, plus 37 farms in Idaho and Washington.

#### 19 East Farmy 350,000 acres | East Family

Alice Gertrudis Kleberg East was a granddaughter of Captain Richard King (see No. 6) who chose to exchange her interest in her grandfather's estate for two ranches of her own: the San Antonio Viejo and the Santa Fe. The land is presently controlled by the Robert C. East Management Trust.

**Anne Marion** 345,000 acres If Texas had royalty, Anne Marion would surely be titled. Her mother, grandfather, and great-grandfather are all inductees to the Hall Of Fame at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. She herself is in the Cowgirl Hall of Fame, where she serves as a director emeritus. She spent summers of her youth on her family's ranch, learning to ride and work cattle. Today she oversees the 245,000-acre Four Sixes and the 100,000-acre Dixon Creek ranches, both in Texas. She is also a patron of the arts.

Lyda, along with his daughter Jo and her husband, K. G. Granberg, oversee the family's acreage in Texas.

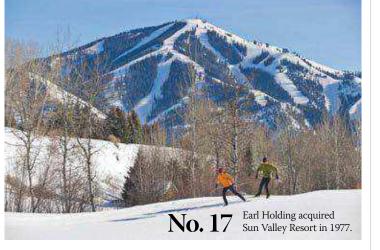
#### Fasken Family 300,000 acres

The family company, Fasken Oil & Ranch Ltd., has its headquarters on Wall Street ... in Midland, Texas. David Fasken Sr. made his original land purchase west of Midland in 1913. almost a decade before Santa Rita No. 1 came in. His descendants capitalized on their vast

multiple honors for its commitment to the environment. Many of the company's products are featured in LEED Gold projects across the U.S.

#### The Lane Family 1 290,100 acres

The family's Bell Ranch has notable historical significance. Petroglyphs found on the property suggest that Native Americans settled in this part of New Mexico in the 16th century. In 1824, the Mexican government granted former Spanish Army Captain Pablo Montoya more than 600,000 acres in the area, and since then a procession of owners took control. Eventually, the land was divided. William Lane II purchased the largest piece in 1970. Lane's heirs have listed the ranch with Mason & Morse Ranch Company for \$103 million, including the livestock and equipment.



Her husband, Sotheby's honorary chair John Marion, calls her "a very astute art collector." After all, in between summers on the ranch, she studied art history in Switzerland at the University of Geneva.

#### **Gerald Lyda Family** 320,035 acres

San Antonio general contractor Gerald Lyda may have been one of the most successful builders in the state, but his heart was always in cattle ranching. His success in constructing such landmarks as the Tower of the Americas and the Alamodome allowed him to purchase large tracts of land throughout the Southwest. Today, his sons Gerald D. Lyda Jr. and Gene

holdings and were perfectly positioned to reap the rewards of the oil and gas industry. Today, the family's holdings span Midland, Ector, Andrews, and Martin counties, and they own additional acreage in Culberson and Reeves counties, as well as in South Texas near Laredo.

#### Collins Family 295,913 acres

In 2008, the Collins Companies became the first privately owned timber company in the country to be environmentally certified by the Forest Stewardship Council. The family business, which owns just shy of 300,000 acres in California, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, has received

# 25 Jeff Bezos 290,000 acres

Long before Bezos founded a fledgling Internet business called Amazon.com, he spent boyhood summers on his grandfather's Texas ranch. Did his grandfather's former position as regional director of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission in Albuquerque fuel Bezos's fascination with space exploration? Who knows. What we do know is that Bezos is using over 165,000 acres of his holdings in Texas as a "spaceport" for his venture Blue Origin and its launching of the Goddard test vehicle.

## | Collier Family 280,000 acres

One of Florida's largest landowners, the Collier family has had substantial holdings

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since the early part of the 20th century when Barron Gift Collier headed south from New York City and bought more than 1 million acres. (The state named a county after him in 1923.) Today the family's Collier Enterprises owns a reported 280,000 acres and is dedicated to long-range planning and stewardship of their Florida holdings, earning them accolades from Audubon International and other environmental awards. Operations include oil and gas exploration, cattle ranching, vegetable farming, and citrus production, among others.

**Babbitt Ranches 2** / | 270,000 acres

Billy Cordasco, John Babbitt's grandson, runs the ranches from the same Arizona office that his family has used since 1889. The Babbitt Ranches encompass 700,000 acres, 270,000 of which are deeded, and extend from the Grand Canvon to the San Francisco Peaks. The Espee, Cataract, and CO Bar ranches collectively run almost 4,000 mother cows and approximately 3,000 calves a year.

28 Jones Heirs 255,000 acres

For some five generations, the Jones family has been ranching in South Texas. The family's operations include the 44,500acre Alta Vista Ranch, which has been the headquarters since 1890. (Back in the day it was a self-contained community with its own post office, general store, and dance hall.) Other holdings include the Alta Colorado and Borregos Ranches. The accumulation of land started more than a century ago with William Whitby Jones, and now continues with A.C. Jones IV, better known on the ranches as Dick Jones.

28 True Family 255,000 acres

Over 50 years ago, H.A. (Dave) True and his wife, Jean, purchased Wyoming's Double Four Ranch at the foot of Laramie Peak. Today the True family has expanded its holdings significantly, running Angus, Black Baldy, Charolais, and Hereford on seven ranches, two farms, and two feedlots. The VR Ranch has been recognized by the Wyoming Game and Fish

Commission for its water management practices and stewardship efforts.

Philip Anschutz 250,000 acres

Extremely private, Anschutz rarely speaks to the media and declined to confirm reports about his land holdings. According to published reports, he made his first major land purchase in 1970, buying the 250,000-acre Baughman Farms in Kansas. He owns or has significant interests in approximately 100 companies, including the NHL's L.A. Kings and the NBA's L.A. Lakers, along with L.A.'s Staples Center. Most recently, Anschutz acquired The Weekly Standard.

**Reynolds Family** 250,000 acres

The Long X brand dates back to 1868 when siblings George Thomas and William David started the Reynolds Brothers Cattle Company with the purchase of 15 sections. The family continued to acquire acreage, and family-owned ranches spread across the Lone Star State, New Mexico, Arizona,

Montana, and North Dakota. Today, dozens of Reynolds heirs jointly and individually own ranchlands in Texas.

Mike Smith **12** 248,500 acres

Mike Smith leveraged his experience in the cattle industry to found Tejas Trading, a full service futures and options trading firm in Amarillo. He has also invested in large tracts of land in the Texas Panhandle, amassing close to a quarter-million acres, which are used for grazing cattle as well as recreational escapes. "Whether it's hunting, fishing, or gazing out across a herd of cattle, the enjoyment the land gives me and my family is endless," Smith told us.

D.K. Boyd 33 | 243,437 acres

At one time, Boyd's ranches in Texas and New Mexico reportedly contained 2,000 oil wells. That makes sense given Boyd's status as an oilman. He acquired the 137,372-acre Frying Pan Ranch in 1996 and the 106,065-acre LE Ranch in 1998. Each dates back to the 19th century.

Langdale Family 240,000 acres

John Langdale saw promise in the Georgia's Okefenokee Swamp as a potential source for turpentine and rosin. That was back in 1894. Today the family company, Langdale Forest Products, has diversified into lumber and pulpwood. More and more acreage in and around Valdosta was acquired by generations of Langdales. Jim Langdale presently serves as general manager of the family business.

35 Koch Family 230,000 acres

One of the world's largest privately held companies, Koch Industries are famous for their paper products, brands such as Brawny and Dixie. The Kochs also own the Matador Cattle Company in Texas and another 92,000 acres in Montana, all of which are deeded. In addition, the company leases 10,000 acres in Kansas and another 100,000-plus acres in Montana.

# Roxana Hayne & Joan Kelleher 213.730 acres

Alfred S. Gage built a historic legacy and a ranch in West Texas that at one time measured 500,000 acres. When he died in 1928, 400,000 acres were shared by his two daughters. One of the halves was subdivided multiple times over the years, but the other half is still in one piece and owned by Gage's granddaughters Roxana Catto Hayne and Joan Negley

Kelleher, who is married to Southwest Airlines cofounder Herb Kelleher.

Cassidy Heirs
212,985 acres
The family-owned business,
Cassidy Timberlands, has title
to over 200,000 acres in various
locations throughout Maine.
The timber titan uses almost
all of its holdings for timber

harvesting, much of which is

pine. (Pine Tree State – get it?)

38 Irwin Heirs 210,000 acres

The O RO Ranch began with a land grant in the mid-1850s. The 100,000-acre ranch changed hands and increased in size down through the decades. John Irwin II bought the O RO in 1973, and when he passed away in 2000, his son, John Irwin III, and his daughter, Jane Droppa, took over the ownership and traditions of this historic property.



39 Bonavia Family 200,000 acres

The family's privately held Nevada First Company has extensive ranching and timber operations that are spread out in Nevada and Oregon. Emily Bonavia inherited the family's cattle ranch, which is headquartered near Winnemucca, Nevada. She and her sons continue to oversee the Bonavia family's ventures.

39 Killam Family

O.W. Killam left Oklahoma. where he had served as a state senator, and moved to Texas intent on drilling for oil where none had ever been discovered: south of San Antonio and north of the Rio Grande. His third well came in at 20 barrels a day. and the South Texas oil boom soon followed. Today, the Killam family owns ranches totaling more than 200,000 acres. Their 125,000-acre Duval County Ranch in South Texas is a prime destination during whitetail season.

41 Bogle Family 192,000 acres

Hal Bogle moved to New Mexico in 1917 in hopes that the drier atmosphere would lead to better health. It led not only to more robust health but also to large land acquisitions in New Mexico, Arizona, and Missouri. Today his four sons (Jack, Jim, Bill, and Pete) oversee the family's holdings. Although the Bogles laugh it off, local lore has it that their Corona ranch in New Mexico is where Roswell's UFO really landed.

The Ray Hunt Family 190,000 acres

The Hunt family operates farms and ranches in Texas, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, and Montana totaling 440,000 acres; 190,000 of these acres are deeded. Holdings include Sharyland Farm, the Lamar Ranch, the Circle K Ranch, the Preston Nutter Ranch, and the historic Hoodoo Ranch, which spreads across 215,000 acres between Cody and Yellowstone National Park.

Tim Blixseth
189,000 acres

Oregon native Tim Blixseth, the son of Norwegian immigrants, grew up poor in Roseburg. He made his first fortune buying and selling timber and timberlands, and was the founder of the exclusive Yellowstone Club in Montana. Today he has a thriving business buying and selling properties throughout the U.S.

Bidegain Family
180,000 acres

Phil Bidegain manages the family's T4 Cattle Company in Eastern New Mexico, which his great-grandmother established in 1902. The family's cow-calf operation runs approximately 2,500 mother cows. Phil's sons Donnie and Scott work with their father on the ranch.

Williams Family
180,000 acres

The Williams family's legendary Pitchfork Ranch, home to the signature Pitchfork Gray, is larger today than at any point in its 126-year history. The Williams holdings spread across approximately 180,000 acres, with a majority in Dickens and King counties in Texas and a satellite operation in Oklahoma.

46 Louis Bacon 172,374 acres

Founder and chairman of Moore Capital Management, self-made billionaire Louis Moore Bacon bought Colorado's 171,400-acre Trinchera Ranch from the Forbes family in 2007. While that comprises the bulk of his holdings, he also owns Robins Island on Long Island's South Shore and Cow Neck Farm in the Town of Southampton. He donated conservation

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easements on both of those properties, reinforcing his reputation as a conservationist.

Eugene Gabrych 172,000 acres

Businessman Gabrych owns various properties in Southern California and Nevada. In addition to published reports listing ownership near Pyramid Lake and Winnemucca, he purchased a \$5 million vacation property on 989 acres of coastline in Humboldt County in 2006.

# Broadbent Family

During his heyday, Joseph Ray "J.R." Broadbent was one of the largest sheep and cattle producers in the U.S. When he passed

away in 1996, he left at least 170,000 acres in California and Wyoming to his heirs.

# 48 McCoy Family 170,000 acres

Frank McCoy began building roofs in Houston in 1923. Today, grandson Brian operates McCoy's Building Supply Company, which employs over 2,000 people and operates 87 stores. The family also has a cow-calf operation, McCoy Remme Ranches, based in Far West Texas.

#### 50 John Hampton 167,000 acres

In 1942, L.M. "Bud" Hampton purchased a mill and 11,000 acres of timberland in Oregon. By 2004, son John Hampton's family-owned Hampton Affiliates had acquired 167,000 acres in Oregon and Washington. The company is one of the largest providers of lumber in the Northwest.

# 51 Sugg Family 165,487 acres

The family has a storied West Texas past with Sugg brothers E.C. and J.W. both having been involved in shootings in 1889. Presently, the family's Sugg Ranch Field in Irion County is home to 269 oil and gas wells and has produced over 57 million barrels of oil.

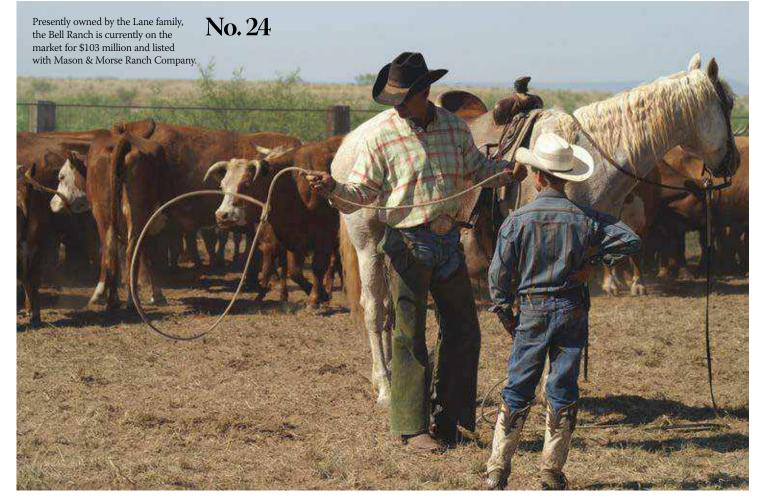
# **52** Kokernot Heirs 163,166 acres

The Kokernot family enjoys a storied history in the Lone Star

State that dates back to the Republic of Texas era. Their 06 Ranch in the Davis Mountains of Far West Texas is run by one of their own, Chris Lacy.

# 53 Cogdell Family 160,000 acres

The Cogdell family has been running cattle and raising horses on the Tule Ranch in the Texas Panhandle for over 50 years. In 1951, D.M. Cogdell Sr. purchased several yearlings, ten fillies, and a stallion from King Ranch (see No. 6). Thus began the Cogdell tradition in both cutting horses and ranch horses, which ultimately earned the family the American Quarter Horse Association's coveted Best Remuda award in 2006.



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**53** Leo Drey 160,000 acres

St. Louis-born conservationist Leo Drey began buying land in 1951 at \$4 an acre. In 2004, Drey gave a remarkable 146,000 acres of Ozark land, valued at an estimated \$180 million, to the L-A-D Foundation. Pioneer Forest is the largest private landholding in Missouri and eclipses the state's park system.

53 Eddy Family 160,000 acres

Last year, the family's centuryold Port Blakely Companies was hit with a lawsuit from a few of founder John W. Eddy's heirs. The complaint stems from the heirs' claim that they are owed tens of millions, some of which was surely generated by the company's forestland holdings in Washington and Oregon.

56 Fanjul Family 155,000 acres

The Fanjuls fled Castro's Cuba in 1960 and reestablished the family's sugar empire in Southern Florida. They now own Florida Crystals Corporation, which produced over four million tons of sugar and revenues of \$3 billion last year. It operates two sugar mills, a refinery, and a biomass power plant, and touts the honor of being the first and only U.S. producer of certified organic sugar.

Hearst Family 153,000 acres

The Hearsts own 153,000 acres in Central California: the 73,000-acre valley Jack Ranch in Cholame and 80,000 in coastal San Simeon, adjacent to the well-known tourist attraction Hearst Castle, which they gifted to the State of California in 1957. The Hearsts boast the title of the nation's largest

single-source supplier of freerange, all-natural, grass-fed, and grass-finished beef.

58 Bass Family 150,000 acres

Fort Worth icon Perry Bass inherited some of uncle Sid Richardson's ranch and oil interests in 1959. When Bass passed away in 2006, he left his sons Bass Brothers Enterprises with holdings all over Texas. This year, all four of the Bass brothers are listed among *Forbes* magazine's list of world's billionaires.

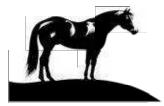
Boswell Family
150,000 acres
Along with the distinction of being the largest privately held farm in the country, the J.G.
Boswell Company is also one of the largest cotton producers on earth. The Boswells are now involved in several real estate projects, including Yokohl
Ranch, a 36,000-acre residential

#### 58 William Henry Green Heirs

development.

150,000 acres

The Greens have been riding the range west of Fort Worth since the 1870s. William Henry Green's grandson heads the



family's Albany-based ranching operations. The partnership reportedly spans six counties. Bred to endure rigorous terrain and exhibit championship performance, the Green horses have been honored by the American Quarter Horse Association.

Scott Family 150,000 acres

The Padlock Ranch, founded by Homer and Mildred Scott in 1943, runs through a vast area of Wyoming and Montana and is situated idyllically between western mountains and eastern grassy plains. The property is still a working cattle ranch, which now offers vacationing city slickers activities and lodging.

62 Clayton Williams Jr. 146,655 acres

The Texas A&M University alumnus struck black gold, built up oil and natural gas company Clayton Williams Energy, and then ran for governor in 1990. Williams put good use to lots of West Texas land with endeavors in ranching, real estate development, pipeline operations, and telecommunications.

Mike Mechenbier
142,000 acres

Cowboy philanthropist Mike Mechenbier is one of the largest landowners in New Mexico. The story goes that he and his wife, Kathy, started out with a seven-acre pig farm and a \$5,000 loan for Mechenbier's Albuquerque-based Sundance Mechanical & Utility Company.

**Gerald J. Ford** 140,000 acres

Don't mistake this Dallas-based banker for former President Gerald R. Ford. This Ford is known for buying his first bank for \$1.2 million and later selling it for \$80 million, as well as owning a sizeable amount of land in New Mexico. Alma mater Southern Methodist University hosts its football games at Ford Stadium.

Harrison Family
140,000 acres
The Harrison Quarter Horse

Ranch has been registered with the American Quarter Horse Association since 1941. The Harrison family began breeding competition and ranch horses in Texas in the 1930s and now has a full catalog of stallions, broodmares, and yearlings.

**Thomas Lane** 140,000 acres

Thomas Lane's purchase of 320 acres of Montana land has led to half a century in the livestock industry and seven ranches: Windsor, Holland, Giles, Foster, Hodson, Gasper, and Palm. Lane runs the operations with the help of his four sons.

Wells Family
140,000 acres

Wells brothers Preston and John invested wisely in Chicago real estate, Nebraska cattle, and Quaker Oats. The family's Las Olas Company founded the Riverside Hotel and Las Olas Boulevard in downtown Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Yturria Heirs
140,000 acres

Family patriarch Francisco Yturria riverboated along the Rio Grande, settled in Brownsville, and considered Captain Richard King a friend (see No. 6). When Yturria passed away, he owned land in five Texas counties.

**69** Tom Siebel 135.000 acres

Self-made software billionaire Tom Siebel sold his California company Siebel Systems to rival Oracle's Larry Ellison for \$5.9 billion in 2005. Among other ventures, Siebel runs successful commercial cattle operations from his two large properties in Montana: the Dearborn Ranch and N Bar Ranch.



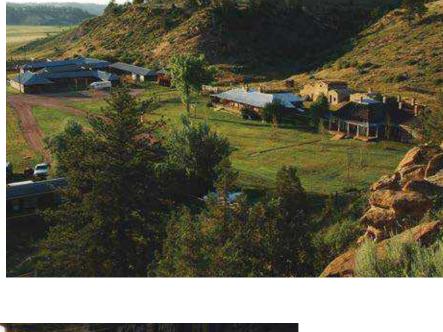
# Jim Guercio **OW Ranch**

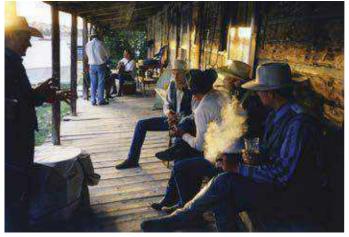
Hiding in Plain Sight

♦ he truth is it's next to impossible to track down a foolproof list of America's 100 largest landowners. One or two always end up hiding in plain sight. Take Jim Guercio, for instance, whose far-flung holdings included tens of thousands of acres on Colorado's Eastern Plains, the renowned Caribou Ranch (site of the first destination studio in

the music business), and the historic OW Ranch, a Montana landmark owned by Wyoming's ninth governor, John Kendrick.

Guercio buys and sells land and mineral rights. Let me rephrase that. Jim buys and improves land. On occasion he sells it, as he did a few years back with a large tract in Eastern Colorado he sold to The Nature Conservancy. In the 1970s, he bought a horse farm west of Boulder and created the legendary Caribou Ranch recording studio and retreat. Over the years everyone from Elton John to The Beach Boys and U2 recorded there. Today, adjacent to the ranch, Guercio is creating a green residential community called Caribou Ridge. It's a place where the Guercios recognized the opportunity to create a home base in the mountains with a unique





collection of individuals and families. These folks are 21st-century pioneers: breaking trail, preserving the earth, doing the right thing, and living in harmony with their surroundings. "It's a huge project," says Jim, "but it will be built with a sense of stewardship and with a conscience. The homes will incorporate solar power, wind power, photovoltaic energy, and grey water recycling systems."

Long before he set about creating and perfecting Caribou Ridge, Guercio honed his skills making countless improvements on the OW and returning it to its former glory. For estate planning reasons, he and his family decided to put the ranch on the market. He listed it and several other of his properties with Ranch Marketing Associates (www.rmabrokers.com).

"Branding time at the OW is a time to reacquaint with old friends," Guercio says. "I wouldn't miss it for anything. Over the years we've had a number of great people here to help. Everyone pitches in."

Among their number are the late Joe Beeler, cofounder of the Cowboy Artists of America, as well Joe's saddlemaking friend Chas Weldon.

Other pals include saddler Dale Harwood and Don Butler from Sheridan. Silversmith Arne Esp and his father, Hank, come from up the interstate in Hardin, Montana. Singer-songwriter Ian Tyson cuts across the Canadian line whenever he can.

Buck Brannaman, who throws in when his horsemanship clinics don't conflict, is a regular hand. "The OW has an important place in the history of our area, and Jim and his family have restored it so beautifully. You step back in time when you pass through that ranch gate," Brannaman says. "Jim always has someone pulling at his sleeve, wanting some of his time, but when we're all here like this for a branding, I can tell you for a fact Jim wouldn't want to be anywhere else."

Text and Photography by Bill Reynolds



# Wilson-Hodge Ranches

134,000 acres

This Del Rio-based family owns several divisions of Southwest Texas land and runs working ranches that also host hunting leases for year-round gaming and fishing. Roger Hodge, a fifth-generation member of this ranching family, is the editor of *Harper's Magazine*.

Russell Gordy 132,927 acres

Houston's Russell Gordy hit pay dirt with oil, gas, and methane exploration. In addition to his Rock Creek Ranch in Southwest Texas, Gordy paid a reported \$40 million for a 40,000-acre ranch in Montana that he pledged to leave undeveloped.

# 72 | Isaac Ellwood Heirs 130,000 acres

Many said it couldn't be done, but selling barbed wire in openrange Texas turned a pretty profit for Isaac Ellwood. Originally from DeKalb, Illinois, Ellwood purchased land in Texas and left his family several ranches with substantial acreage.

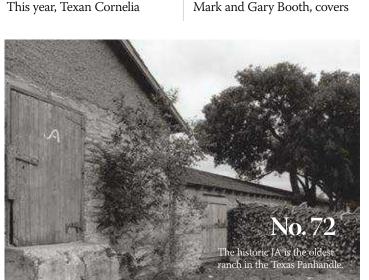
72 | JA Ranch Heirs 130,000 acres This year, Texan Cornelia "Ninia" Wadsworth Ritchie, fourth-generation owner of the JA Ranch, was inducted into the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame. The JA Ranch is the oldest in the Texas Panhandle, covering 130,000 acres of land once tended by John Adair and family matriarch Cornelia Wadsworth Ritchie Adair. The couple originally partnered with former Texas Ranger Charles Goodnight.

Les Davis Heirs
128,000 acres

The CS Cattle Company, in northeastern New Mexico at the foot of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, is a privately owned operation on 138,000 acres (including 10,000 leased) that were originally a part of the Maxwell Land Grant. Les Davis began managing the family business in 1947, and his heirs continue to run it today.

Booth Family
125,000 acres
In addition to a ranch in
Colorado, the Booths have a
large property in southeast
Wyoming. According to the
state's Gaming and Fishing
Department, the Booth Land

and Livestock Ranch, owned by



113,000 acres located in Albany and Carbon counties.

Brite Ranch Heirs
125,000 acres
Luke Brite's life reads like the
type of western only Louis
L'Amour could write. He trailed
a herd of cattle hundreds of
miles from Frio County to
Presidio County, spent years
camped out under the stars,
and ended up running one of
the state's best-known ranches.
The commercial cattle on the
family's ranches are possibly the
oldest herd of line-bred

Robert Funk 124,744 acres

States.

Hereford cattle in the United

Bob Funk's Express Ranches participate in all aspects of the beef production process, acting as a commercial cow-calf, stocker, and feedlot operation. The outfit is run from Oklahoma and New Mexico with nearly 6,000 registered Angus and Funk's beloved Limousin cattle.

78 Ellison Family 122,000 acres

Ellison Ranching Company manages ranches in Nevada and California. The 71 Ranch offers working cowboy vacations and promises wide open spaces at the foot of Nevada's Ruby Mountains. The family's Californian Spanish Ranch, or El Rancho Español de Cuyama, near Santa Barbara, continues a tradition of breeding a carefully selected Brangus herd.

79 Drummond Family 119,649 acres Scottish settler Fred

Scottish settler Fred
Drummond got started in
Oklahoma as a clerk in the
mercantile business. Settling on
former Indian Territory, he and

his wife became one of Osage County's founding families. Modern-day descendant Ladd Drummond is a fourth-generation rancher who is nicknamed "Marlboro Man" by his wife. Her musings about life on the ranch appear in her award-winning blog, "Confessions of a Pioneer Woman."

80 A.W. Moursund 115,000 acres

Dubbed a Texan's Texan by *Time*, Albert Wadell "A.W." Moursund III fit the bill. Moursund was a prominent rancher, banker, and judge from the Texas Hill Country with a strong friendship with President Lyndon Johnson. Upon his death in 2002, his descendants inherited land in Texas, South Dakota, and Nebraska.

Scharbauer Family 113,532 acres

Self-professed cowpuncher Clarence Scharbauer Jr. is a former president of the American Quarter Horse Association and has been in the horse breeding industry for over 40 years. His small yet successful Valor Farm in Pilot Point represents a portion of the family's 100,000-plus acreage.

# $\underset{\text{Evans}}{82}|\underset{\text{Evans}}{\text{Richard and Victoria}}$

113,065 acres

In addition to land holdings in South America and Texas, the couple owns the Double V Ranch in UFO country, north of Roswell, New Mexico. The property is currently listed for \$24.5 million.

Linnebur Family
110,000 acres
Individual family members
have their own holdings and
ventures ranging from real

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estate to wheat farming and dealing wholesale grain. However, the Linnebur family jointly represents one of Colorado's largest private landowners.

Pavid Murdock 108,740 acres

In 2008, high-school-dropout-turned-billionaire David Murdock was in a three-way tie for No. 84 on the *Forbes* list of Richest Americans. Murdock is the sole owner of Dole Food Company, the world's largest provider of fresh fruit and vegetables, and is just a smidge short of owning outright the whole Hawaiian island of Lanai.

85 Stan Harper 106,500 acres

Veteran rancher Stan Harper's Harper Cattle Company breeds Hereford and Angus cattle on 106,500 acres in Texas and New Mexico. The Texas ranch in Venus, located south of Dallas-Fort Worth, raises Angus, while the New Mexico ranch, in Wagon Mound, is home to his Herefords.

86 Desirée Moore 105,000 acres

Started in 1946, Kelly-Moore Paint Company now produces 20 million gallons of paint a year. Co-founder William Moore passed away in 2004 and left his widow the Broken O Ranch in Lewis and Clark County, Montana.

86 Reese Family 105,000 acres

The Reese family owns Wyoming's Rockin' 7 cattle ranch near Cheyenne. Homesteaded in 1914, the Rockin' 7 offers hunting adventures featuring a variety of wild game, including deer, antelope, buffalo, and pheasant.

**88** Robinson Family 103,000 acres

In 1864, Scottish-born Elizabeth Sinclair (later Sinclair-Robinson) paid Hawaiian King Kamehameha V \$10,000 in gold for the westernmost island of Niiahu. The family's self-imposed "seclusivity" has led to the 46,000-acre property's labeling as the Forbidden Island. Niiahu and 100,000 acres on Kauai and other islands are owned by Robinson heirs.

89 Milliken Family 101,000 acres

Conservationist Roger Milliken Jr. runs the family's Baskahegan Company on 101,000 acres of forestland in easternmost Maine. Not only did the Forest Stewardship Council recently certify the property, but Milliken became The Nature Conservancy's board chair in October 2008.

Danny, Doug, and Larry Adams

100,000 acres

With backgrounds in home building and development, Atlanta's Adams brothers own large tracts of land across the U.S. Their properties include overthe-top accommodations on some of the country's most pristine and breathtaking landscapes.

90 Beggs Family 100,000 acres

Englishman George Beggs Sr. arrived in Texas in 1876, leased land, and dealt in cattle and horses. Beggs eventually opened a livestock and loan company in the Fort Worth Stockyards. His descendants are prominent West Texas ranchers.

Powell Heirs
100,000 acres
Jimmy Powell is a past presi-

dent of Texas Sheep & Goat

Raisers' Association, the National Wool Growers Association, and the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. After graduating from Rice and the University of Texas, he served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and only began ranching on his return. He and wife Nancy live on their Six Mile Ranch northwest of Fort McKayett.

Walter Umphrey
100,000 acres

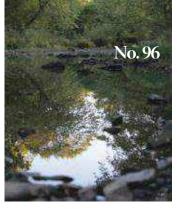
Beaumont-based Walter Umphrey is one of the team of attorneys who came to be known as "The Tobacco Five." These five lawyers represented the State of Texas against the tobacco industry and ended up receiving a 15 percent cut of the state's \$17.3-billion settlement. For his part, Umphrey enjoys investing in land in South Texas.

90 Dennis Washington 100,000 acres

Montana's Dennis Washington ranked No. 88 on *Forbes*' most recent Richest Americans list. This übersuccessful industrialist is said to own 100,000 acres in the Northwest. He started his Washington Companies with a borrowed bulldozer. The different entities are involved in a variety of enterprises, including mining, construction, railroads, and aviation.

90 Yates Family 100,000 acres

When he struck oil in 1924, Martin Yates Jr. earned the moniker the "Father of the New Mexico Oil Business." The Yates family remains true to his legacy and reportedly has land holdings that amount to an estimated 100,000 acres across New Mexico.



96 Aubrey McClendon 98,106 acres

Co-founder of Chesapeake Energy (CHK) in his hometown of Oklahoma City, McClendon has numerous real estate holdings, including the TI Valley Ranch (pictured above) on 18,506 acres in the Ouachita Mountains of Southeastern Oklahoma

97 Butler Heirs 97,389 acres

Retired General Benjamin Butler purchased the land surrounding Fort Union, New Mexico, while the military outpost was still in operation, and then acquired the rest when it was abandoned in 1894. His heirs operate the Fort Union Ranch, which is situated on over 97,000 acres, minus the 720 acres donated to the state's Fort Union National Monument.

98 Eshleman Family 96,000 acres

Located in South Texas, the Eshleman-Vogt Ranch augments its extensive cattle ranching operations with hunting leases on the property.

99 Dunn Family 92,000 acres Several dozen Dunn heirs

Several dozen Dunn heirs own more than 90,000 acres of Maine timberland.

Joe Finley Jr. 89,000 acres

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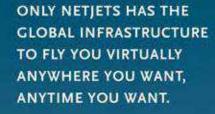
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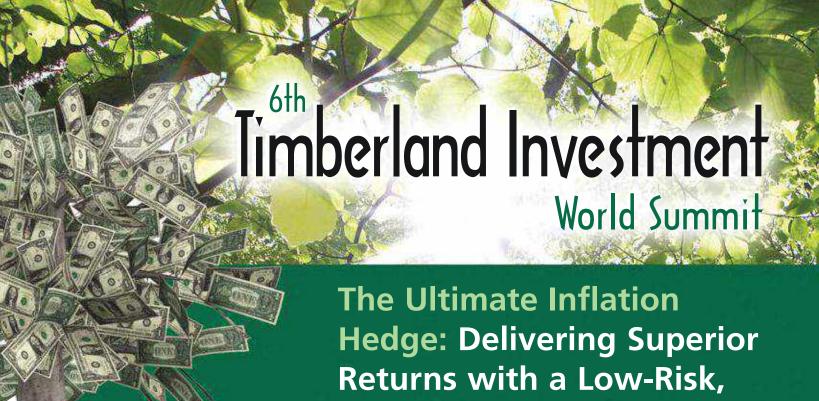


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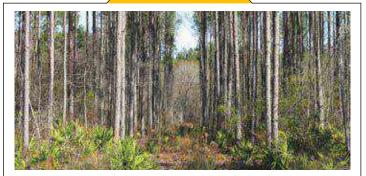
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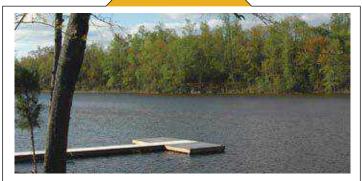
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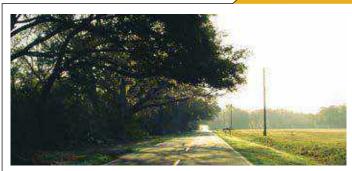


# Halidays Lake Stewart County, Georgia

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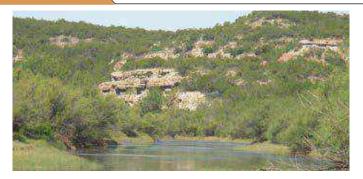


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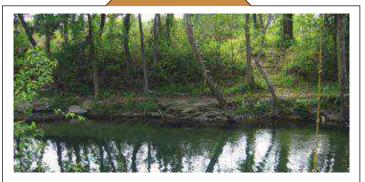
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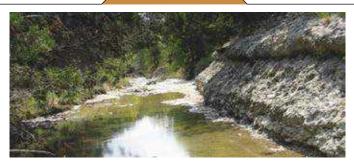
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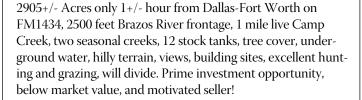
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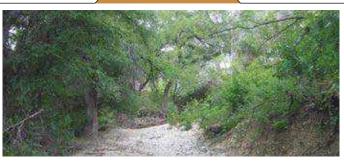


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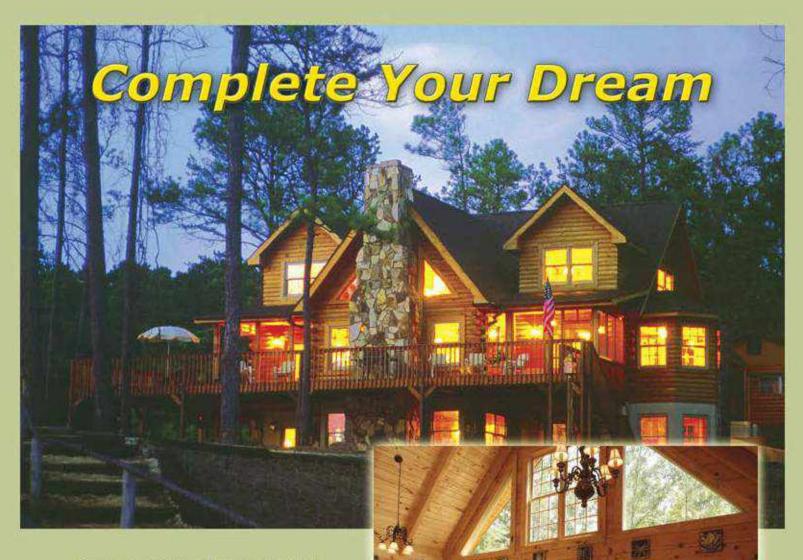
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# John Richard Simplot 1909-2008

Idaho's potato king built an agricultural empire based on a little luck, a lot of hard work, and one thing every landowner values: his word.

egend has it that J.R. Simplot once won a one-half interest in a potato sorter courtesy of a coin toss. Not a major windfall by most standards, but this modest grubstake ended up jump-starting one of the world's largest agribusiness conglomerates as well as the beginning of Idaho's dominance in the potato industry.

Idaho's Potato King was actually born in Iowa, one of six children. In 1910, the year following his birth, the Simplot family migrated west and ended up homesteading in Idaho's Magic Valley. Armed with ideas, young Jack abandoned school at 14 and started his own business on the outskirts of a small farming community by the name of Declo. The budding opportunist sold his first venture—a hograising operation—during a time when pork was scarce. With the \$7,800 profit, he leased land and bought certified potato seeds.

Soon, a superior product emerged, and by the start of World War II the Simplot Company was selling millions of pounds of dehydrated potatoes (and onions) to the military.

"He was a dreamer and a big thinker," said David Cuoio, a friend as well as a company spokesperson. "What you saw was what you got. A handshake deal was better to him than a signed contract." One of Simplot's more famous handshakes took place in 1967 with McDonald's founder Ray Kroc. The outcome? Kroc dubbed Simplot the supplier of nearly half the fries served under the Golden Arches worldwide.

Louie Attebery, author of *J.R. Simplot: A Billion the Hard Way*, calls the landman's quantum leap to fame and fortune "one of the last of the classic Horatio Alger success stories." Attebery noted, "Jack Simplot's keen eye for good land is a keystone to the foundation of his success. One of his favorite pieces of advice is 'Grab hold of something and hang on!' Over the years Simplot

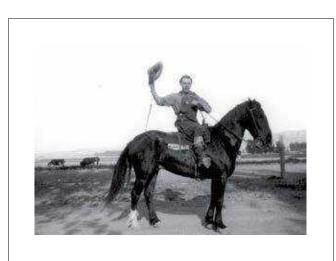
has managed to 'hang on' to a lot of real estate."

The company's farming and ranching segment grew to include holdings from Canada to China with plants, mines, mills, and timber interests in many different states. Simplot eventually amassed a multibillion-dollar personal fortune and bankrolled numerous successful startups, including a fledgling Micron, charting its course during meetings at a favorite Boise pancake house.

At a packed memorial service in Boise on June 1 last

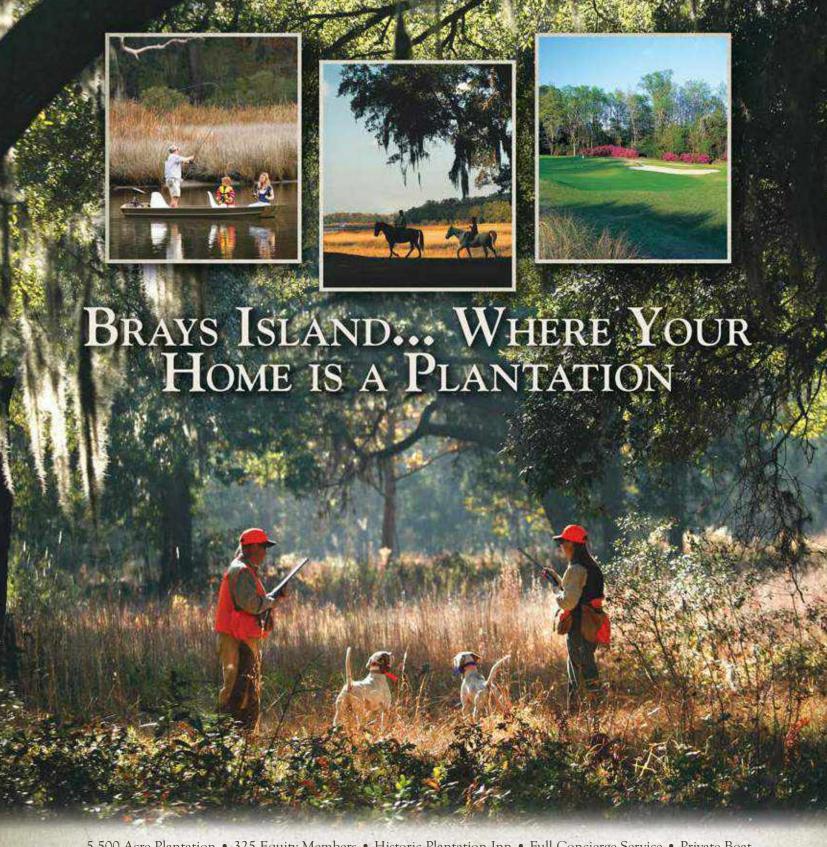
year, former Idaho governor Phil Batt paid tribute to the down-to-earth guy known to all as Mr. Spud: "There will be other self-made, wealthy people, and other great philanthropists. But Idaho will never see a person who came from poverty, with little education, who played such an integral part in transforming a state from a sleeping giant to the marvelous, complex, and vibrant society that makes us so proud to be Idahoans."

Tom Basabe, president of Simplot's Land and Livestock Group, summed it up: "I believe with all my heart that he is the icon of agriculture. Period."



By Nancy Myers

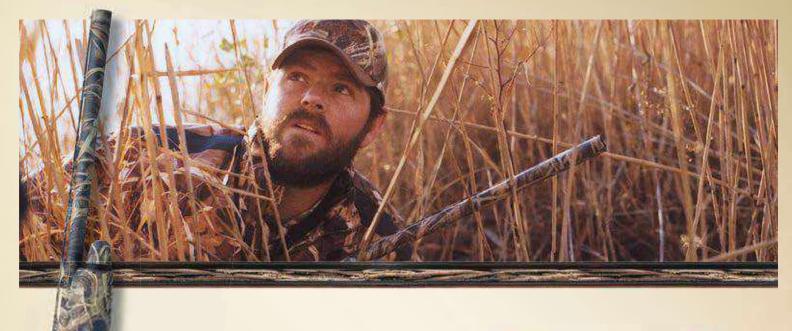
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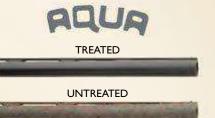


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