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Live Water Properties offers Attractive Acreage for Spirited Buyers and Savvy Investors

Traditionally, Southerners have retreated to second homes along the coast or in the mountains of North Carolina and north Georgia. Today, they're saddling up for the Wild West, lured by the beauty of the land, the abundance of recreational offerings, and the prospect of a golden investment.

good ol' Southern boy from Mobile, Alabama, Alex Maher discovered the joys of fishing and hunting long ago, from childhood romps in the river swamps to family retreats on Maryland's eastern shore and college explorations in the Blue

Ridge Mountains of Virginia. He eventually parlayed his love of the land into a profession, working his way from the Orvis Company to Coldwell Banker, where he established a niche business in fly fishing properties.

These days he hangs his hat in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, where he's truly home on the range. Co-founder of Live Water Properties, one of the fastest growing ranch brokerage firms in the Rocky Mountain West, Maher spends his days in a spectacular mountain

setting, helping others find a pristine piece of land to call their own for a second home, a recreational retreat or a smart investment.

"The outdoor lifestyle and stunning beauty of the terrain are mammoth draws to the Rocky Mountain West. This is the perfect place to pursue a new lifestyle and landscape," said Maher, who assists both buyers and sellers of fly fishing, hunting and recreational ranch properties. "Clean air and low crime are major incentives, along with endless recreational options."

And, make no mistake about it, the West isn't just for wranglers and anglers anymore. Known for its premier trout waters, gorgeous National Parks and wide-open spaces, this part of the country also boasts world-class skiing, impeccable resort towns, and a chance to experience "cowboy" culture and a more relaxed way of life.

"Many baby boomers and second-home buyers are yearning for the western experience and healthy lifestyle that the Rocky Mountain Region has to offer," Maher said. Over the past few years, areas like

and investment value of their properties.

This land is prized for both its aesthetic beauty and its limited availability. In Teton County, Wyoming, for example, only 3% of the land is available for residential development. The other 97% is federally-protected public property consisting of National Forests

and parks.

"Live Water Properties' commitment to low-impact development and conservation easements – both of which protect privately-owned wildlife and trout populations – further ensures a sound investment for generations to come," Maher said.

Indeed, his interest in habitat preservation has translated into numerous ranch sales to conservation buyers who want to preserve the western landscapes. Maher's community involvement includes successful work with regional land trusts in establishing

conservation easements on ranches. He also served as an officer with Jackson Hole Trout Unlimited, whose efforts have resulted in the restoration and enhancement of several crucial spawning streams for Jackson Hole's native Snake River fine spotted cutthroat trout.

"The rivers, creeks and streams out here offer the cleanest water and the best fly fishing there is," he said. "If you're looking for prime land, areas like our Green and New Fork River properties near Pinedale, Wyoming, are excellent because so much of the properties share river frontage. These ranches offer the greatest variety of recreational outdoor living with the key feature, the living sustainable river resource, driving value."

Maher's environmental studies have opened doors far beyond the forests and waters of the Rocky Mountains. His property research in Argentina, Chile and New Zealand have paved a clear path for the discerning buyer with the world's finest fly fishing and hunting destinations in mind.







