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LARGEST LANDOWNERS IN THE UNITED STATES



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PLUS: BACK AT THE RANCH WITH CAROLE KING
6 UPCOMING AUCTIONS + 20 TOP LAND LISTINGS





FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW

For the third year in a row, Fay Ranches is the proud sponsor of the Land Report 100. This issue is the result of ongoing research by the folks at the Land Report and has become a much anticipated event, and it seems every year there is a significant change to the order. Thanks to the Land Report for your efforts.

Savvy investors have known for years that land is an important component to their investment portfolio. Significant properties are a finite commodity and have repeatedly shown over time to be resistant to our most challenging economic times.

You'll likely recognize many of the names on this list, either from their notoriety in business circles or from prior Land Report 100 issues. These are investors who place their money with precision and forethought. In addition to the investment value of land, the additional benefits of recreation and as a gathering place for friends and family are also important components to many land investments.

Here's to the land stewards of America; thank you for conserving the remaining large tracts of private land, helping to produce the food we eat, and providing so much of the habitat for our fish and wildlife.

Cheers!



GREGORY W. FAY
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FAY RANCHES
Inc.

No. 1

John Malone

2,200,000 acres

Right: Ireland's Humewood Castle.
Below: The nation's largest landowner in Sun Valley.



IRISH TIMES



REUTERS/RICK WILKING

John Malone's love of land may well be equaled by his wife Leslie's love of horses. Fortunately for the two, the couple seems to have a knack for agreeing on properties where both features are a priority — wide-open spaces like New Mexico's legendary Bell Ranch. This year the Denverites celebrated their shared passions with several acquisitions, including a historic Irish castle just outside Dublin and not one but two properties in Wellington, the epicenter of South Florida's equestrian community.

The Malones' new Irish estate is Humewood Castle. Built in 1867, Humewood sits on 427 acres and is tucked in a convenient corner of Ireland in County Wicklow. In addition to the regal 38,000-square-foot castle, the estate also features three staff cottages, three gate lodges, parklands, woods, lakes, and, of course, stables.

There must always be stables.

According to *The Irish Times*, the Malones paid €7.23 million (\$9.5 million) for Humewood. The estate was originally listed for €8 million with Sherry FitzGerald and Christie's International Real Estate. Back in 2006 when the Celtic Tiger was roaring, Humewood traded hands for a record €25 million. Thanks to the Great Recession, however, a planned \$330 million golf development never made it off the tee box.

On this side of the pond, the Malones bought a \$7.8-million Provençal-style home at the western edge of Palm Beach County in Wellington. And the stables, you ask? According to *The Wall Street Journal*, the 12,653-square-foot residence is just a gallop away from the 123-acre horse farm the Malones bought for \$12.5 million.

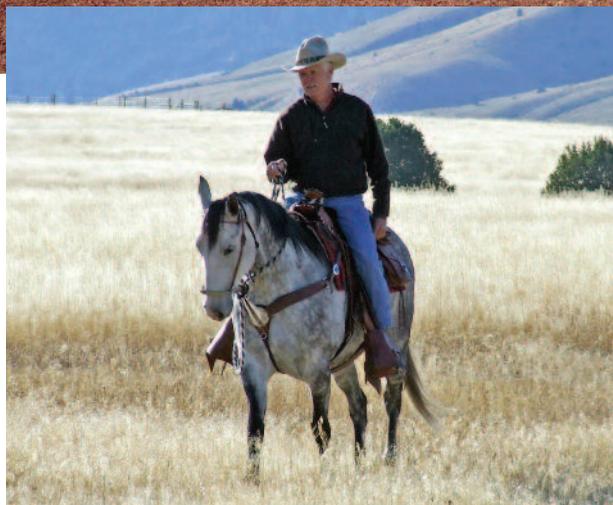
No. 2 Ted Turner

2,000,000+ acres



Left: Guests at two of Turner's New Mexico ranches can now stay at the Sierra Grande Lodge and Spa.

Below: The pioneering environmentalist at home on the range.



TURNER ENTERPRISES INC.

As the largest landowner in New Mexico, Turner is always looking for ways to bring greater access to landmark properties, such as his 590,823-acre Vermejo Park Ranch in the northernmost portion of the state, the 156,439-acre Ladder Ranch and the 362,885-acre Armendaris Ranch in south central New Mexico. This April he took a major step when he purchased the historic Sierra Grande Lodge and Spa in Truth or Consequences.

"Sierra Grande is only a short distance away from two of my ranches [the Ladder and the Armendaris] where we're expanding eco-tourism opportunities for guests, and it's also very close to the Spaceport my friend Richard Branson is developing. This is a special part of the country, and we've been involved in local communities for the past 20 years," Turner said in a statement.

The region in and around the Sierra Grande Lodge and Spa has been renowned for its therapeutic geothermal springs for centuries. Up until 1950, Truth or Consequences was actually named Hot Springs. Then Ralph Edwards announced that the first city in the U.S. that renamed itself in honor of his popular NBC Radio quiz show would host the show. The town charter was quickly changed.

Turner believes that his recent acquisition has unique business potential. "I visited the Sierra Grande last year with my family and fell in love with it," Turner said. "It has a rich history and rustic charm that is hard to find these days."

Built in 1929, the Sierra Grande is a Western landmark. Thanks to a recent renovation, it has returned to its former glory — and then some. Stop by for a visit at www.sierragrandelodge.com, and take a complete tour of Turner Ranches at www.tedturner.com.

THE THRILL OF VICTORY. Gary Stevens lets out a war whoop after piloting Brad Kelley's Oxbow to glory in the 138th Preakness Stakes.



REUTERS/KEVIN LAMARQUE

3 Emmerson Family

1,860,000 acres

Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) was founded in 1949 by Curly Emmerson and his son Red, and the company has been owned and operated by Red and his descendants ever since. This year the Emmersons tacked on 20,000 acres to their holdings, which are based principally in Northern California with additional acreage in Washington. SPI is the second-largest lumber producer in the nation. Over the years, the Emmersons have transferred more than 114,000 acres of land, including tracts with high conservation values and exceptional recreational features, to federal, state, and local agencies. The Sacramento River Bend Outstanding Natural Area, Mt. Lola, Martis Peak, Perazzo Meadows, and lands along the American, Yuba, and Rubicon Rivers are among those transferred.

4 Brad Kelley

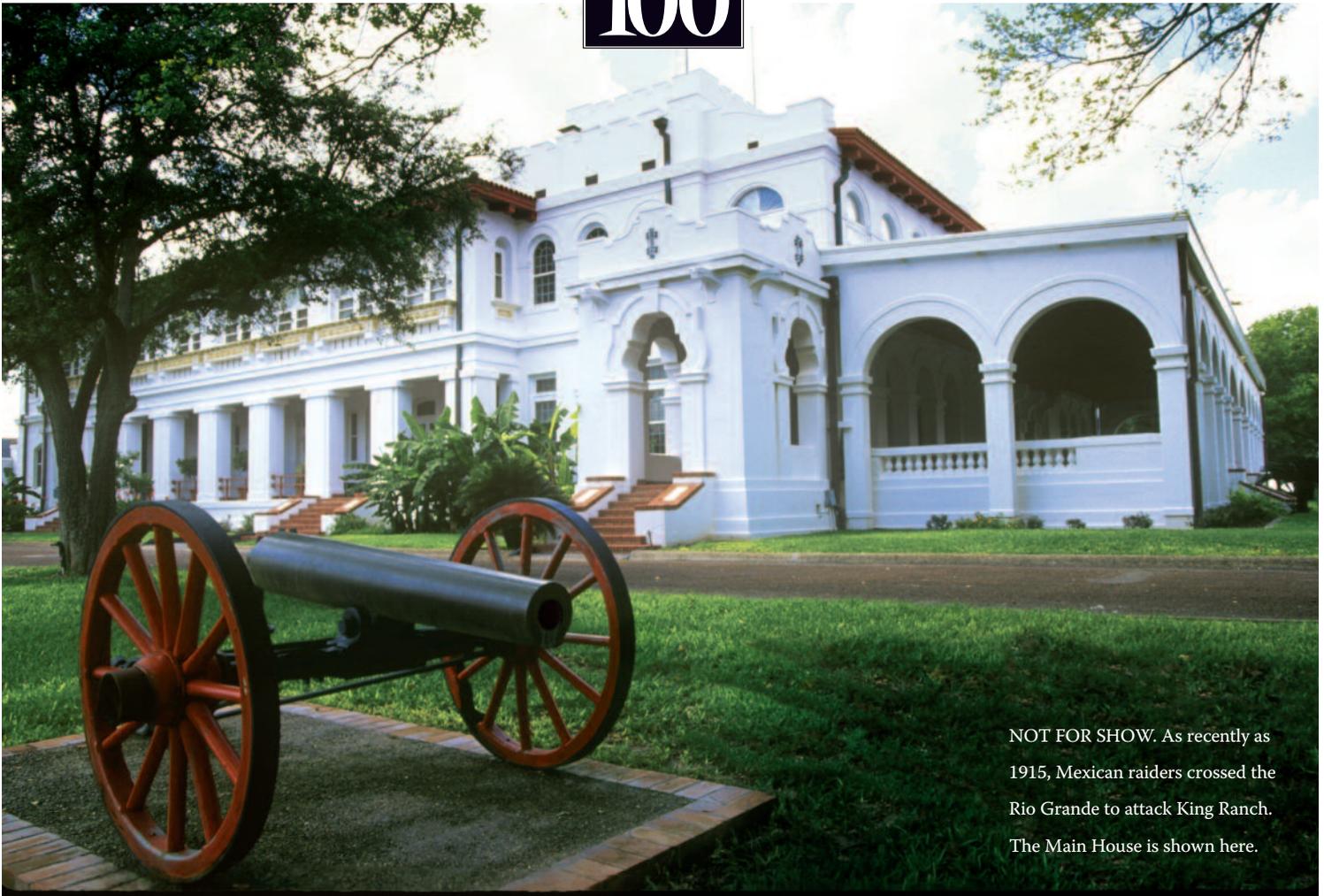
1,500,000 acres

Kelley's Calumet Farm reclaimed its peerless reputation on May 18 when Oxbow won the Preakness Stakes with veteran hoop Gary Stevens in the irons. Hall of Famer D. Wayne Lukas trained the Awesome Again colt. Calumet's eight wins in the Preakness now match its record eight wins in the Kentucky Derby. Founded in 1924 by William Monroe Wright, the 800-acre farm fell on hard times in the early 1990s. Thanks to the de Kwiatkowski family, which bought it out of bankruptcy for \$17 million, Calumet remained intact. In 2012, the Calumet Investment Trust acquired it for \$36 million and leases the farm to Kelley. Calumet's other Preakness winners were Whirlaway (1941), Pensive (1944), Faultless (1947), Citation (1948), Fabius (1956), Tim Tam (1958), and Forward Pass (1968).

5 Irving Family

1,250,000 acres

Founded in 1882, J.D. Irving (JDI) currently employs 15,000 throughout Eastern Canada and the U.S. in a variety of industries, including transportation, shipbuilding, construction services, and consumer products. JDI's forestry and forest products business units precipitated the family's acquisition of more than one million acres of Maine timberland. JDI is investing \$30 million in a state-of-the-art softwood sawmill in Ashland, Maine. Construction is scheduled to begin shortly, and the new mill is expected to open in spring 2014. The round wood log supply for the new sawmill will not only be procured from JDI woodlands but from other timberland owners in the state as well. Once the mill is operational, 60 permanent jobs will be created.



NOT FOR SHOW. As recently as 1915, Mexican raiders crossed the Rio Grande to attack King Ranch. The Main House is shown here.

KING RANCH INC

6 Singleton Family

1,100,000 acres

Headquartered in New Mexico's Galisteo Basin just south of Santa Fe, the family's 81,000-acre San Cristobal Ranch has operated for four centuries between the Ortiz Mountains, the Cerrillos Hills, the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, and the Jemez Mountains. Family patriarch Henry Singleton (1916-99), who cofounded Teledyne with George Kozmetsky, bought the San Cristobal in 1986. It was his first ranch purchase. More than two dozen acquisitions later, Singleton Ranches totaled 1.1 million acres of deeded and leased lands. In addition to their New Mexico holdings, Singleton's heirs own and operate ranches in California, including the Peachtree and Top ranches in Salinas Valley and the River Island Ranch at the foothills of the Sierra Mountains.

7 King Ranch Heirs

911,215 acres

King Ranch, Inc. (KRI) marked its 160th year of continuous operations in 2013. While remaining true to the iconic ranching heritage of Captain Richard King, KRI continues to prosper due to broad diversification and growth into other land-based, agricultural production-focused areas. While ranching, wildlife operations, and dryland farming remain profitable segments of its historical South Texas properties, other businesses, such as citrus, turfgrass, vegetables, sugarcane, pecan processing, and retail and branding activities have become as much a part of the modern KRI as ranching. 2013 marks the 10th anniversary of the King Ranch Institute of Ranch Management (KRIRM). This year's KRIRM Symposium, scheduled for October 24-25, is titled "An Industry in Transition: Dealing with Change."

8 Stan Kroenke

848,571 acres

Kroenke's acquisition of Montana's Broken O Ranch in November 2012 vaulted the Missouri native from the No. 10 slot on last year's Land Report 100 to No. 8 on this year's survey. Located along a 20-mile stretch of the Sun River, the roots of the Broken O reach all the way back to the days of the Montana Territory. Its current incarnation was masterminded by Bill Moore, founder of the country's largest privately owned paint company, Kelly-Moore. What began in the 1980s with Moore's acquisition of a single ranch property along the Sun River evolved into what *Forbes* described as "one of the largest agricultural operations in the Rocky Mountain West." Kroenke also owns the 540,000-acre Q Creek Ranch, the largest contiguous ranch in the Rocky Mountains.

9 | **Pingree Heirs**
830,000 acres

In the mid-nineteenth century, shipping magnate David Pingree purchased land in nearly 100 different Maine townships in 1840. Today, the Pingree heirs' Seven Seas Island Company remains FSC and SFI certified, and a legacy Tree Farm. In 2012, Seven Seas acquired MooseWood Millworks, enabling the manufacturing of products from flooring-grade lumber produced at the family's Maine Woods Company. This Pingree family hardwood, from a 170-year sustainably managed forest, is now available as MooseWood Flooring.

10 | **Reed Family**
730,000 acres

One of the country's oldest continuously operating forest products companies in the Pacific Northwest got its start in 1890. Five generations later, the Reed family's Green Diamond Resource Company and Simpson Investment Company own and manage forests in California and Washington. All of their timberlands are independently certified to be in compliance with the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Standard, and Green Diamond's California timberlands are certified by the Forest Stewardship Council.

11 | **Ford Family**
625,000 acres

Originally named Roseburg Lumber, the company operated mills throughout Western Oregon and later changed its name to Roseburg Forestry Products. The second-generation president and CEO is Allyn Ford, a Yale and Stanford graduate, who keeps reforestation and recycling science at the core of Roseburg's business philosophy. Meanwhile, the family is one of the nation's largest timberland owners and it maintains offices and manufacturing facilities in six states, including Oregon, California, Georgia, Mississippi, Montana, and South Carolina.

12 | **Lykes Heirs**
615,000 acres

Dr. Howell Tyson Lykes gave up medicine in the 1870s to take over his family's 500 acres in Hernando County, Florida. The company he founded with his sons is still a privately held, family-managed business, but today holdings encompass 275,000 acres in Texas

and 337,000 acres in Florida. The cattle operation is one of the largest in the country with equal emphasis on forage quality and nutritional value.

13 | **Briscoe Family**
560,000 acres

The Briscoe family maintains its headquarters outside Uvalde with ranches spread across nine Texas counties. Cattle rancher Dolph Briscoe Sr. first fueled the family's passion for land.



His son, two-term Texas governor Dolph Briscoe Jr. (above), grew the family's holdings along with its ranching operations, which are now guided by the third generation.

14 | **W.T. Waggoner Estate**
535,000 acres

Dan Waggoner was a pioneering cattleman who established the family ranch in 1849. His son, W.T., expanded it even more. Today, the W.T. Waggoner Estate, which is managed by A.B. Wharton and Gene Willingham, oversees the ranch's massive cattle operation, horse breeding program, and crop production. The annual Waggoner Ranch production sale, which is held in September at Electra, features top Quarter Horse bloodlines.

15 | **D.M. O'Connor Heirs**
500,000 acres

Thomas O'Connor arrived in Texas from Ireland in 1834 and was reportedly the youngest man in the battle of San Jacinto. He and his son Dennis Martin O'Connor began drilling artesian wells in South Texas to water their cattle during the drought of the 1880s but hit oil as often as water, and the rest is history. O'Connor Ranches are still owned by descendants of D.M. today.

16 | **Phillip Anschutz**
434,500 acres

Denver billionaire Phillip Anschutz is seeing green — green energy, that is. Anschutz's Power Company of Wyoming's Chokeycherry and Sierra Madre Wind Energy Project will be located entirely in Carbon

County, Wyoming, spanning his Overland Trail Cattle Company and BLM land. The \$6 billion wind farm is expected to have 1,000 turbines but a long-term surface disturbance of only 2,000 acres.

17 | **Drummond Family**
433,000 acres

The Drummond family has been ranching in Oklahoma for just over a century, when brothers Cecil, Gentner, and A.A. Drummond partnered in a joint operation. Today the hard-working family counts The Pioneer Woman as part of the clan. Read more about the celebrated author on page 71.

18 | **Simplot Family**
422,164 acres

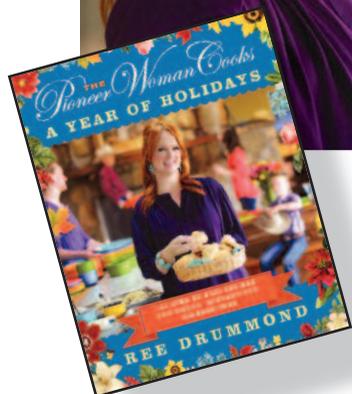
Jack Simplot created the first commercially viable frozen fries in the 1940s and the privately held agribusiness now has plants in North America, Australia, China, and New Zealand, including 15 ranches in Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, and Utah, and more than 30 irrigated farms in Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and Nevada. J.R. Simplot Co. is currently building a potato-processing plant in Caldwell and a new nine-story corporate headquarters building in downtown Boise. The same seven-and-a-half-acre site will house Jack's Urban Meeting Place (JUMP), described by a company spokesperson as "a gathering place and creative center dedicated to the adventurous and innovative spirit exemplified by our founder J.R. Simplot."

19 | **Holding Family**
400,000 acres

From a small stake in a Wyoming truckstop, Robert Earl Holding, who passed away in 2013, assembled an empire that ranged from oil refineries and gas stations to ski resorts in Idaho (Sun Valley) and Utah (Snowbasin). *The Salt Lake Tribune* estimated his total investment in the success of the 2002 Winter Olympics at \$300 million, including the construction of The Grand America Hotel and a complete overhaul of Snowbasin Resort. Holding amassed the largest private portfolio of real estate in Salt Lake City. In addition, he owned ranches in northern Wyoming and southern Montana. According to *The Tribune*, one of his employees once gave him a plaque that echoed his credo: "All I want is the land next to mine."

Advice From a Pioneer Woman

Coming to a bookstore near you ... *The Pioneer Woman Cooks! — Corinne Garcia*



Don't walk outside at night without shoes on. Buy groceries in bulk. Get satellite Internet. Check your gas gauge before you leave town. Wake up early and watch the sun come up. Enjoy the quiet.

This is a sampling of the practical insights that city-dweller turned "Pioneer Woman" Ree Drummond has accumulated over the past 17 years on a 20,000-acre working cattle ranch about 25 miles from the small town of Pawhuska, Oklahoma. But for Ree, it's just the tip of the iceberg — or haystack if you will. Since 2006, she has been sharing advice on everything from homeschooling kiddos to cooking the perfect steak through her award-winning blog "The Pioneer Woman."

Ree happened upon her future husband, Ladd Drummond (a.k.a. Marlboro Man), at a smoky Oklahoma bar while out with girlfriends. Visiting from LA, where sushi

and pedicures were her norm, ranch living was as foreign as life on Mars. But after their wedding in 1996, followed closely by the birth of the first of their four children, she had no choice but to learn the ropes.

Her new life was filled with early morning calving missions, cooking meals from scratch, and wrangling children, along with rodeos, pickup trucks, manure piles, horseback riding, and the occasional Rocky Mountain oyster feed. Through her writing and photography, and that satellite Internet access she prizes, Ree was able to bring others into her newly discovered world. And in a time when authentic ranchers are an endangered species, this world has appealed to women from every background.

"I have a lot of readers who grew up in rural environments and read my site as a way of traveling back in time and remembering their childhood," she says. "But most live in urban or suburban environments and have never seen or experienced this kind of wide-open space firsthand."

With more than 23 million page views per month, Ree's self-proclaimed transition from *Black Heels to Tractor Wheels* (the title of one of her books and a soon-to-be movie) is obviously intriguing. Her readers seem drawn in by her unique fairy tale-esque story, her pioneering perseverance in becoming a ranch wife and mother, and perhaps a glimpse of a life that seems so utterly simple, so authentically American, and so wholeheartedly connected to the land that has now become her beloved home.

"I think all of us women yearn for a simpler life, particularly when we have kids and schedules and demands all around us. The country seems simpler to a lot of people," Ree explains.

But her blog, because of its popularity,

has actually pulled her away from the land she has become so attached to. With book tours, a Food Network show, and interviews on any number of other TV shows, she is busier than ever. But when her wheels hit the gravel road that leads to the Drummond Ranch, she always lets out a sigh of relief.

"The second I turn off the highway and onto the road, I just feel it all let go," Ree says. "Being able to see the enormity of the skies and the openness of the land really puts things into proper perspective. Even though we have a million things going on around our house — cows, horses, kids, homeschooling — I'm always more calm and serene on the ranch."

And what does she do when she reaches the ranch after time away? "The first thing I do is leave my suitcases in my pickup; sometimes for a couple of days! The next thing I do is hug all the creatures on the homestead: my husband, the kids, the Basset hounds, and I sit outside with my kids to breathe in the air. Then I go inside and open the fridge because I'm usually ready to cook something!" she says.

What's cooking in Ree's household now is her third cookbook, *The Pioneer Woman Cooks: A Year of Holidays: 140 Step-by-Step Recipes for Simple, Scrumptious Celebrations* that's due to be released by HarperCollins this fall. A look at Ree's favorite holidays throughout the year and the cuisine that accompanies them, the book hits the stores just in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. And for Ree, these times are golden.

"The holidays for us are low-key and wonderful. We just hunker down and enjoy the one-or two-day break from all the work. I love the childhood memories, and the making of new ones. And we eat until we can't eat another bite!"



CUTTING EDGE. Jeff Bezos, shown here in New York City, utilizes his 290,000-acre Corn Ranch to test reusable space vehicles.

REUTERS/SHANNON STAPLETON

20 | **Malone Mitchell 3rd**
384,000 acres

The energy and drilling-ops entrepreneur started acquiring U.S. oil and gas properties decades ago. In the 1990s he bought up several ranches in the Big Bend area of Far West Texas and stitched them together to form his Longfellow Ranch. The terrain is rugged yet gorgeous, a sport-hunter's paradise near the old railroad town of Longfellow. The ranch's primary game is elk and mule deer, and paid hunts fill up fast. Longfellow Ranch also runs 2,000 head of cattle, mostly Black Angus.

21 | **Hughes Family**
373,000 acres

In the late 1960s, Dan Allen Hughes Sr. realized that land was a good place to invest the earnings from his oil and gas business. Today, the family's holdings stretch throughout their home state of Texas. Primarily used for recreational pursuits, the Hughes family also uses some of its acreage to run cattle and for commercial hunting. "Land is a good

investment, but it's also something to enjoy with your family and hopefully pass on to future generations," says Dan Allen Hughes Jr.

22 | **Patrick Broe**
317,677 acres

At 294,059 acres, Broe's Great Western Ranch is a refuge for one of the largest herds of bighorn sheep in Wyoming. Besides being an all-grass working cattle ranch, the Great Western is rich in history where stone writings from early Spanish explorers, ancient Indian tribes, and pioneering settlers have been located. It is also home to a large herd of trophy elk along with antelope, mule deer, mountain lions, bobcats, and more.

23 | **Collins Family**
310,472 acres

This family-owned forest products firm has Forest Stewardship Council-certified forests in California, Oregon, and West Virginia, and is one of the largest private landowners in Pennsylvania. Products include hardwoods, softwoods, and NAF pine particleboard.

24 | **Nunley Family**
301,500 acres

Through their Nunley Bros. Ranches, third-generation ranchers Richard and Bob Nunley have holdings in Texas and New Mexico, with headquarters in Sabinal, Texas. One of their many innovations was to incorporate Santa Gertrudis Breeders International's Star 5 program, which documents genetics.

25 | **Jeff Bezos**
290,000 acres

It seems that Amazon's founder and CEO (pictured above) is ready to take on his next challenge: media boss. In 2013, Bezos paid \$250 million to purchase *The Washington Post* from the Graham family. As a child, Bezos spent many a summer working on his grandfather's ranch in South Texas. In 2004, he bought his own ranch in Far West Texas: the 290,000-acre Corn Ranch north of Van Horn. Bezos's aerospace firm, Blue Origin, utilizes the remote location in its quest to develop reusable space vehicles.



KENTON ROWE

CELEBRATED MONTANA RANCH.
In acquiring the N Bar, Dan and Farris Wilks assumed ownership of a legacy ranch that dates back to the open range era of the Old West.

26 | **Collier Family**
280,000 acres

Florida's Collier County is named for family patriarch Barron Collier, a Tennessee native who relocated to the Sunshine State in the early 1900s and became one of Florida's largest developers and landowners. The family's holdings span Florida and are noted for environmental stewardship. The Colliers were a key force behind the creation of Big Cypress National Preserve and Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge.

27 | **H.L. Kokernot Heirs**
278,000 acres

Among the most storied ranches in the Lone Star State, the o6 Ranch remains under family ownership more than a century after its founding. The legacy of Kokernots stretches back to the American Revolution and the Battle of San Jacinto and includes ownership of the Alpine Cowboys, "the best little semi-pro baseball team in Texas." *Texas Monthly* labeled Kokernot Field, the team's home "the Yankee Stadium of Texas."

28 | **Wilks Brothers**
276,000 acres

According to the *Billings Gazette*, Dan and Farris Wilks from Cisco, Texas, have bought more than 400 square miles, much of it in the eastern half of Montana. Their prized jewel is the N Bar Ranch, which was acquired from former Land Report 100er Tom Siebel. The N Bar spans more than 60,000 acres in the foothills of Central Montana's Snowy Mountains. In addition to its reputation as a working cattle ranch, the N Bar is known for its extensive wildlife and fishery resources. The brothers founded Wilks Masonry in 1995. Seven years later they branched out into oil field services when they launched a firm called Frac Tech. Turns out that Frac Tech's specialty — hydraulic fracturing — is one of the two drivers powering the U.S. energy renaissance. (The other? Horizontal drilling.) Singapore's Temasek Holdings bought out the brothers for \$3.5 billion in 2011. Among their other Montana holdings are the Delos Robbins Ranch and the Hitchcock Ranch, both in Idaho County.

29 | **Anne Marion**
275,000 acres

Captain Samuel "Burk" Burnett founded Burnett Ranches, Ltd. in 1868. Born into a farming family that relocated from Missouri to Texas, he went into business for himself at 19 when he purchased 100 head of cattle wearing the 6666 brand. A natural cattleman, Burnett became one of the first Texas ranchers to buy steers and graze them for market. He negotiated a grazing lease on 300,000 acres of Indian lands in Oklahoma with famed Comanche leader Quanah Parker. Burnett ran 10,000 head of cattle on the lease and negotiated a two-year extension with President Theodore Roosevelt. At its peak, Burnett Ranches included more than a third of a million acres. Oil was discovered on one of his ranches in 1921, the year before his death. Under the leadership of Burk Burnett's great-granddaughter, Anne Marion, the current president of Burnett Ranches, LLC, two Texas ranches are now the principal focus: the 6666 Ranch near Guthrie and the Dixon Creek Ranch near Panhandle.



OLD & NEW. Gerald Lyda sold Ted Turner New Mexico's Ladder Ranch, and with the proceeds bought La Escalera (Spanish for "the ladder") in the Big Bend Country of West Texas.

LYDA VIDEO & PHOTO/WWW.LYDA.TV

30 | **Babbitt Heirs**
270,000 acres

Quarter Horse aficionados know Babbitt Ranches for its annual Hashknife Horse colt sale, which is overseen by fourth-generation family member Bill Cordasco. Established in Northern Arizona in 1886, this nationally-known operation is home to the Coconino Plateau Natural Reserve Lands. Ranchlands located near Flagstaff and the Grand Canyon balance ecological ranching practices with historic traditions (including bedrolls and chuckwagons).

31 | **Mike Smith**
263,066 acres

A significant amount of Amarillo-based Mike Smith's holdings include farmland and grassland throughout the Texas Panhandle. These holdings are used primarily for grazing cattle and recreational pursuits. During the past year, Smith added even more land in the Lone Star State. Currently his holdings also encompass acreage between Dallas and Waco.

32 | **Lyda Family**
260,035 acres

Siblings Gerald D. Lyda, Gene Lyda, and Jo Lyda Granberg co-own and operate La Escalera, a century-old ranch that extends over four counties in the Lone Star State. Known for its Black Angus cattle and abundant wildlife, including desert mule deer, pronghorn, elk, Barbary sheep, Rio Grande turkey, and blue quail, it was christened La Escalera (Spanish for "the ladder") when it was acquired by the late Gerald Lyda, a San Antonio building contractor with a passion for ranching.

33 | **Jones Family**
255,000 acres

The Jones lineage stretches back to the Civil War and the land grant days of Coastal Texas. The family found early success with cattle ranching and real estate. Today, A.C. Jones IV manages the family's holdings, most of which are located near Corpus Christi. They include the Alta Vista Ranch, Alta Colorado Ranch, and Borregos Ranch.

33 | **Killam Family**
255,000 acres

David Killam is the third-generation CEO of the family-owned Killam Companies, which are based in Laredo, Texas. Killam earned a degree in ranch management from Texas Christian University. He definitely knows how to strike a deal. Earlier this year he made headlines when it was announced that his family had purchased the Dana Ranch (pictured on page 78), a stunning 60,000-acre property situated along the Missouri River in the geographic heart of Montana near Great Falls. Assembled almost a century ago by Edwin Dana, "the cattle king of the Northwest," the ranch boasted the largest purebred herd of Hereford cattle in the U.S. during Dana's ownership tenure. Lacking an heir, Dana turned the ranch over to John Cameron, a trusted friend and confidante. The Cameron family stewarded the Dana until the Killams' acquisition. In addition to abundant wildlife and 18 miles of blue-ribbon fisheries, it has a carrying capacity of 3,000 animal units.



CATTLE KING OF THE NORTHWEST.

A century has passed since Edwin Dana first ran purebred Hereford cattle on his Montana ranch. The Killams acquired the Dana this year.

33 | True Family
255,000 acres

Since the 1950s the True family's business holdings have been closely linked to successful oil-field development and production, mostly in and around Casper, Wyoming. The family's ranch holdings are equally impressive: True Ranches includes seven productive ranches, two farms and feedlots. Some of the ranches are dyed-in-the-wool Western icons, such as the LAK Ranch, which straddles the scenic Wyoming-South Dakota border country, and the VR Ranch near Glenrock, Wyoming, which was established in the late 1800s.

36 | Reynolds Family
250,000 acres

In the years immediately following the Civil War, the Reynoldses began ranching along the Clear Fork of the Brazos River, northeast of Abilene, Texas. George Thomas and William David Reynolds registered the Long X as their brand. Thanks to skillful dealings with cowmen such as Charlie Goodnight,

they acquired ranches in Haskell, Shackelford, and Throckmorton counties and incorporated in 1884 with headquarters at the First National Bank in Albany. Many subsequent ranch purchases followed. The Reynolds heirs own ranches and rangeland all over West Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and even into Montana and North Dakota.

37 | Paul Fireman
247,000 acres

The former chairman and CEO of Reebok and current chairman of Fireman Capital Partners, Fireman owns one of the largest ranching operations in the Western U.S. The Winecup-Gamble Ranch in Nevada has permitted grazing access to almost 750,000 acres. Add to that the ranch's deeded acreage and the total is just under one million acres. In addition to cattle, the Winecup-Gamble also has geothermal hot springs and renowned elk hunting. Previous owners of the Winecup-Gamble include actor James Stewart and former Nevada Governor John Sparks.

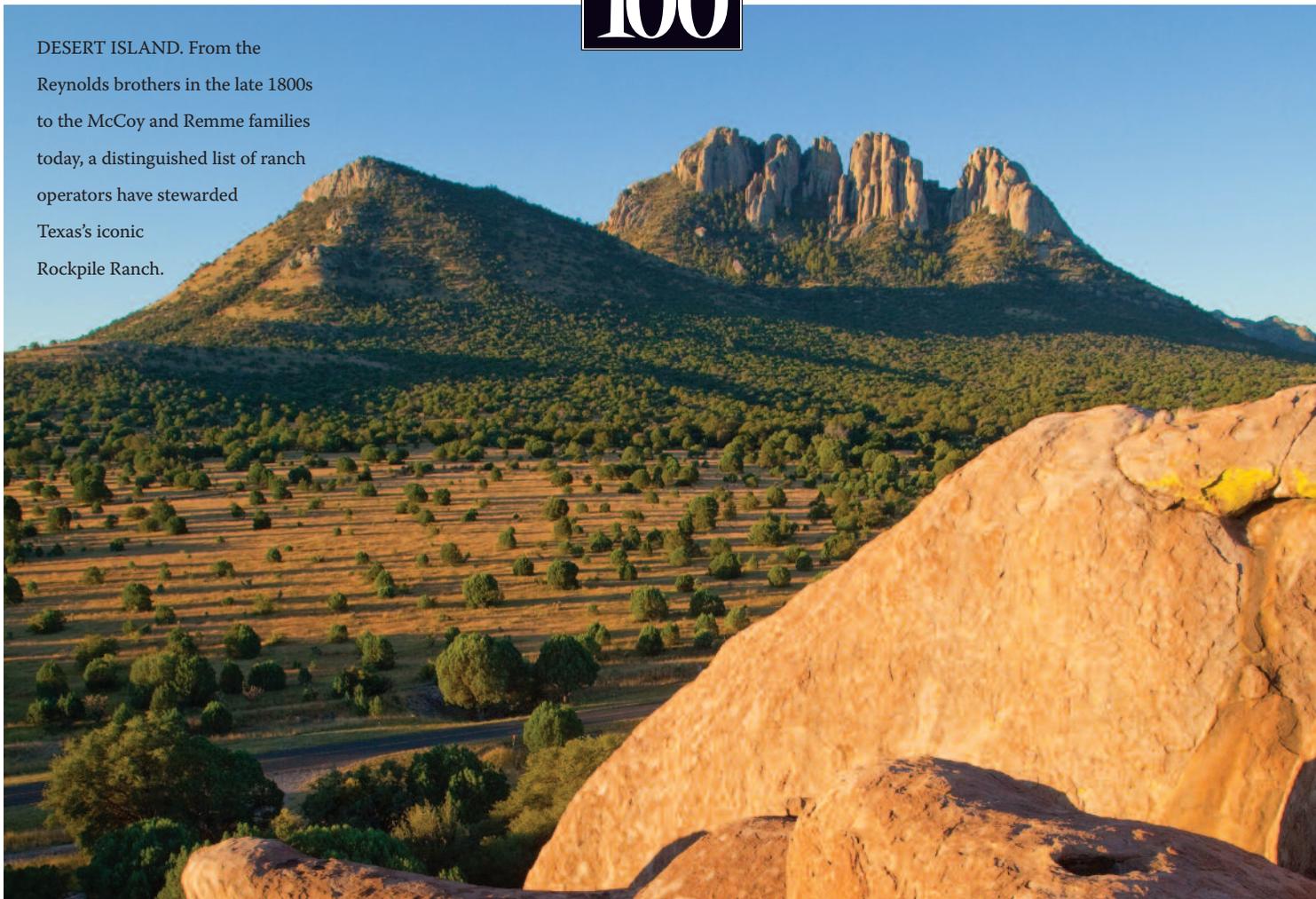
38 | D.K. Boyd
244,332 acres

This rancher, oilman, and West Texas native upped his tally by three acres this year. His holdings include the 137,372-acre Frying Pan Ranch and the 106,065-acre LE Ranch, two operations that are among the most historically significant in West Texas and Southeast New Mexico. Boyd pieced together this portfolio with his wife, T.J.

39 | Koch Family
239,000 acres

This family's multinational corporation is based in Wichita, Kansas and its subsidiaries are involved in more industry sectors than you can shake a stick at. Koch owns Georgia-Pacific, Koch Pipeline, Koch Fertilizer, Koch Minerals, Matador Cattle Company, and many others. Koch Ranches, Inc. is a Texas-based family business owned and operated by fifth-, sixth-, and seventh-generation farmers and ranchers. The ranches include thousands of acres of lush pastures managed and seeded for all-season grazing.

DESERT ISLAND. From the Reynolds brothers in the late 1800s to the McCoy and Remme families today, a distinguished list of ranch operators have stewarded Texas's iconic Rockpile Ranch.



LAURENCE PARENT

40 McCoy & Remme Families
230,000 acres

This large extended family, which traces its ranching heritage back to patriarch Emmett McCoy, is best known for founding, owning, and operating McCoy's Building Supply. McCoy Remme Ranches' holdings include the historic 55,709-acre Rockpile Ranch in the Davis Mountains of Far West Texas, which is currently listed with King Land & Water for \$54.8 million. After a much-needed wet summer, James King points out that the Rockpile (above) looks its best. "It's a special ranch for a special person."

40 Llano Partners, Ltd.
230,000 acres

The current acreage for this Austin-based family partnership is up from last year due to "a couple of add-ons," says general partner Hughes Abell. Llano Partners' properties, all ranch and farmland, span Texas and New Mexico. In addition to running cattle, the partnership encourages conservation-conscious hunting.

42 Scott Heirs
220,000 acres

The family's Padlock Ranch, which dates back to 1943, was honored this year with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association Region 5 Environmental Stewardship Award. When Homer and Mildred Scott started their ranching operation 70 years ago, they ran 300 head on 3,000 acres. Today the Scotts run more than 10,000 cattle on 475,000 acres (220,000 deeded plus 255,000 leased) that straddle the Montana-Wyoming state line. The family welcomes guests at their Wolf Mountain Lodge for working ranch vacations as well as to hunt, fish, or go on photography safaris.

43 Louis Moore Bacon
215,990 acres

In January Bacon received the prestigious Audubon Medal in recognition of his lifelong commitment to conservation. This longtime proponent of landscape and wildlife management recently announced an agreement with Colorado Open Lands to place 21,000 acres of

Tercio Ranch and Red River Ranch into perpetual conservation easements, knitting together a landscape-scale conservation effort that creates nearly 800,000 acres of publicly and privately connected and protected lands stretching south from Colorado's Great Sand Dunes National Park to northern New Mexico. Bacon also announced the donation of a conservation easement to the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust by Orton Plantation to protect critical habitat along Allen's Creek. In addition, Orton Plantation Holdings and N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission entered into a Safe Harbor Agreement in 2012 that manages more than 8,400 acres of open pine forest in Brunswick County to benefit native wildlife species. Since its inception in 1992, the Moore Charitable Foundation has provided funding to more than 200 local, national, and international conservation organizations. Bacon, who owns both the Blanca and Trinchera Ranches in the San Luis Valley, follows in the footsteps of his grandfather, Louis T. Moore, a pioneer in the preservationist movement in Eastern North Carolina.



TIMELESS GIFT. In June 2012, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar (right) lauded the record-setting conservation easement given by Louis Bacon (left) on his Trinchera Blanca Ranch.

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44 | **East Wildlife Foundation**
215,000 acres

Robert East was a great-grandson of Captain Richard King, founder of Texas's King Ranch (see No. 7 King Ranch Heirs). East funded the nonprofit East Wildlife Foundation to enhance compatibility between livestock and wildlife in South Texas. It operates six ranches featuring native rangeland in parts of Jim Hogg, Starr, Willacy, and Kenedy Counties. The foundation's ranch headquarters is the historic San Antonio Viejo Ranch, a 148,000-acre property in southern Jim Hogg and northern Starr Counties.

45 | **Gage Heirs**
213,730 acres

Most visitors to Texas's Big Bend learn about A.S. Gage through the establishment he built as his ranch headquarters: Marathon's Gage Hotel. But at one time Gage owned or leased more than half a million acres. Upon his death, his estate was bequeathed to his two daughters, Dorothy Gage Holland Forker and Roxana Gage Negley Catto.

46 | **Cassidy Heirs**
212,985 acres

John Cassidy was among New England's first crop of lumber barons in the late 19th century. In 1859, he emigrated from Nova Scotia to Bangor, Maine, and within a decade Cassidy had amassed more than 200,000 acres of timberland, which his son, J. W. Cassidy, continued to manage and expand. The father also invested in several ships, an iron works, and a sawmill, and was among the founders of Eastern Banking and Trust. Today, the family's Cassidy Timberlands still owns large forestland tracts in Maine and Florida.

47 | **Bidegain Family**
200,000 acres

A true family operation, the T4 Cattle Company in New Mexico has been in the Bidegain family for well over a century. During the past year it increased in contiguous size with the addition of two small neighboring ranches. The well-respected T4 includes a cow-calf operation,

Quarter Horse program, and farming division. Youngest son Scott is now the cattle manager and older brother Donnie is the farm manager.

47 | **Langdale Family**
200,000 acres

The family's Langdale Company began in 1894 with a crop of turpentine timber, and today it's evolved into a diversified enterprise that includes forestry, forest products, and land development. The Langdales made sustainability a focus decades before it became a buzzword; since the 1930s, the company has planted more trees than it's harvested.

47 | **Eugene Gabrych**
200,000 acres

Where is the best hunting ranch in California? The 18,000-acre Rock Springs Ranch if you're asking Eugene Gabrych. With its views of the Sierra Nevadas, it might be his favorite piece of land, although he has additional noteworthy farms and ranches throughout the Golden State as well as in Nevada.

50 | **Bogle Family**
192,000 acres

The Bogles place a high priority on carrying on the true Western tradition, which means their New Mexico ranches are still worked by cowboys on horseback. In addition to the 4-Lakes, Turkey Track, and X-Bar Ranches, the family-owned Bogle Ltd. has a farming operation and Quarter Horse program.

51 | **Hunt Family**
190,000 acres

H.L. Hunt founded Hunt Oil Company in 1934. Today, the family's interests go well beyond energy. Through the Hoodoo Land & Cattle Company, the Hunts own in Arizona, New Mexico, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, and Texas. The Hunt family is holding the land for future development or mineral exploration, but, until then, its farms and ranches raise cattle and horses and produce hay, corn, citrus, grains, and sugar.

52 | **Tim Blixseth**
189,000 acres

By buying and selling timberland in the West and Pacific Northwest, entrepreneur and investor Tim Blixseth found success. He now focuses on real estate transactions through his Desert Ranch partnership, which is based in Nevada.

53 | **Williams Family**
180,000 acres

Although the Williams family's Pitchfork Land & Cattle Company might be best known for its Pitchfork Gray horse program, the ranch spans two states and also includes a significant cow-calf operation, game management program, and hunting program. Home base, along the Midland Basin in West Texas, has produced millions of barrels of oil over the past 30-plus years.

54 | **Robert Funk**
175,000 acres

Funk's Express Ranches are headquartered on the Chisholm Trail in Yukon, Oklahoma. Express is the largest seedstock operation in the country, and its annual production sale — the Big Event — always draws the country's top cattlemen. In addition to his Oklahoma holdings, Funk enjoys a considerable presence in Northern New Mexico, where he owns the legendary UU Bar (opposite page).

55 | **Russell Gordy**
170,129 acres

Texas native Russell Gordy, a successful oil and gas businessman, developed a love for land spending summers on his grandparents' 400-acre farm. Today he owns (and personally manages) several sizable spreads in the Lone Star State, Montana, and Wyoming, including Falls Ranch.

56 | **Broadbent Family**
170,000 acres

The Broadbents found success in raising sheep — Rambouillet, in particular — and over the years have added cattle and horses to their ranches in California, Utah, and Wyoming. Today the family's operations have diversified to include timbering, hunting, and wind turbines.

56 | **Irwin Heirs**
170,000 acres

John Irwin II purchased the historic O RO Ranch in the early 1970s. Today the O RO is owned by his heirs. The chain of title of the O RO predates Arizona statehood and is linked to the massive Baca Land Grant.

58 | **Sugg Family**
166,655 acres

Over a century ago, the Sugg family relocated its cattle to Texas from Oklahoma, and they chose their new land well: oil was discovered on it soon after they bought it. Today, brothers Cal H. Sugg Jr. and Joel Sugg run ranching operations with headquarters in San Angelo.

59 | **Fasken Family**
165,000 acres

In 1913, a Canadian attorney named David Fasken purchased the 222,600-acre C Ranch from the estate of Nelson Morris, a Chicago meatpacker who had bought the acreage in Andrews, Ector, Martin, and Midland counties from the Texas General Land Office in 1883. According to published reports in the *Midland Reporter-Telegram*, the Fasken family retains the acreage, minus 57,600 acres sold to J.E. Mabee in the 1930s.

60 | **Mike Mechenbier**
163,800 acres

This cowboy philanthropist's holdings — the Four Daughters Ranch, the Dockery-Collins, the Pie Ranch, and the Loveless-Romero —

extend through four New Mexico counties. Mechenbier also manages nearly 2,000 acres in the Middle Rio Grande Valley and operates two cattle-producing feedlots. He has other leased ranches, stretching into Texas, and a large portion of his acreage lies in a trust that prevents it from being mortgaged, sold, or leased.

61 | **Benjy Griffith III**
161,093 acres

The Southern Pine Plantations founder has holdings throughout the South and in Montana. He recently bought an additional 20,000 acres of mineral rights in East Texas. In recent efforts to further diversify, he recently branched out into international timberland and multifamily. Griffith still feels just as strongly about investing in land as he did when he started his company 28 years ago.

62 | **Cogdell Family**
160,000 acres

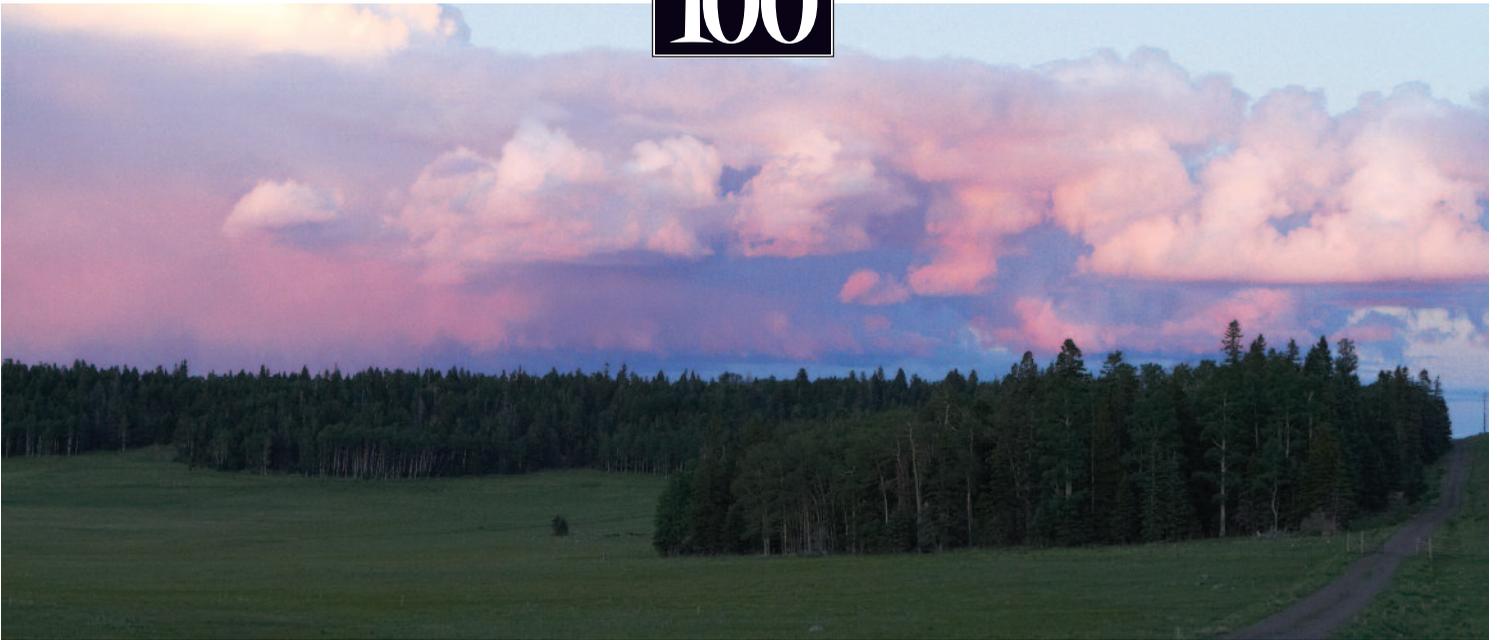
The Cogdells trace their ranching heritage in Texas back over 100 years, and they contributed greatly in the area of cutting horses. In fact, the late Billy Cogdell is in the National Cutting Horse Hall of Fame. The family carries on the ranching legacy through its many holdings, including the Tule Ranch outside Silverton in the Texas Panhandle.

63 | **JA Ranch Heirs**
158,500 acres

JA Ranch, the oldest continuously operated family cattle ranch in the Texas Panhandle, was recently recognized by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department with a Lone Star Land Steward Award. Ranch operations, overseen by family member Andrew Bivins, emphasize ecosystem management through rotational grazing, conservative stocking rates, prescribed burning, and brush management, resulting in increased plant diversity.

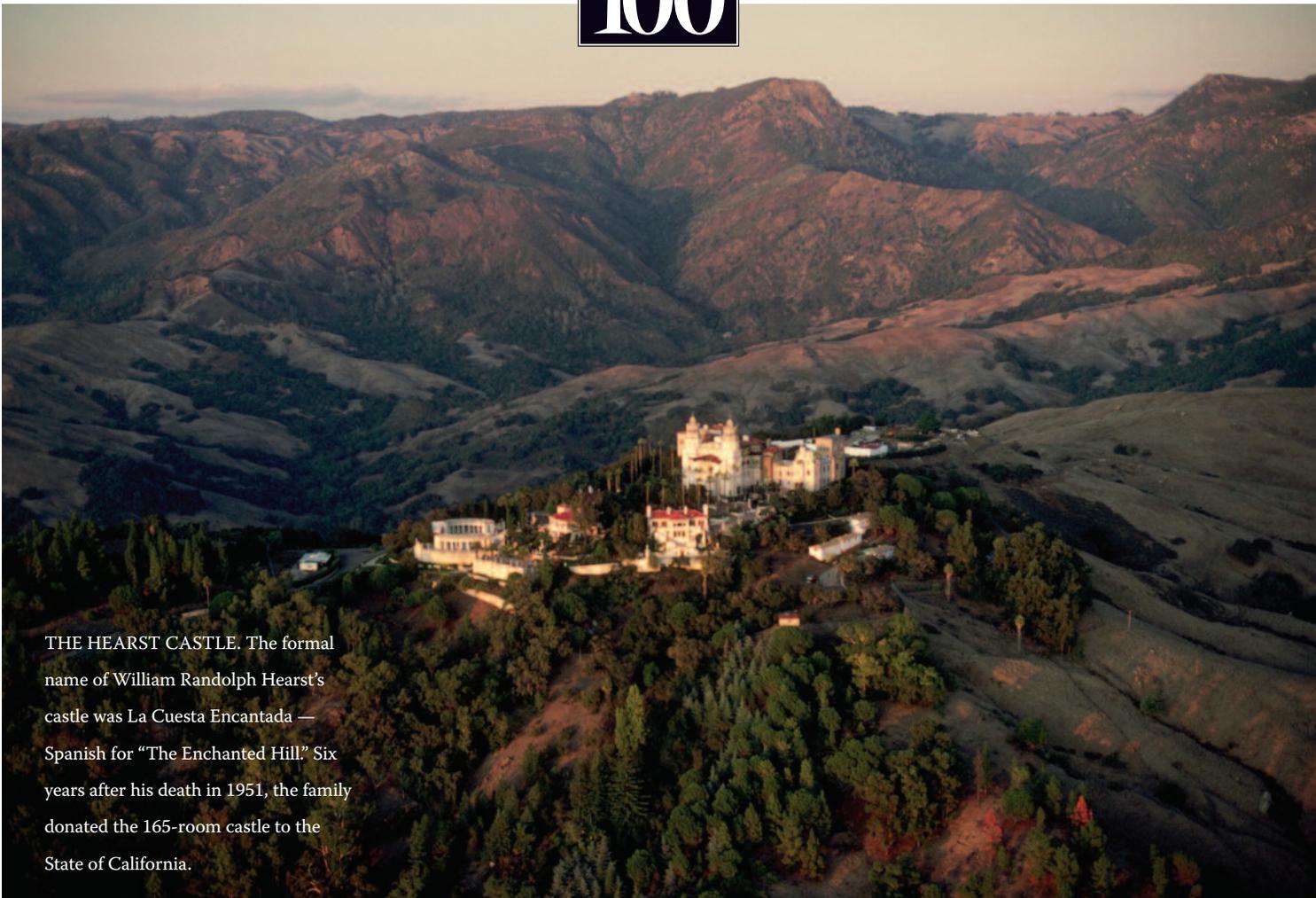
64 | **Fanjul Family**
155,000 acres

The Fanjul family's Florida Crystals Corporation owns 155,000 acres in Palm Beach County as well as two sugar mills, a sugar refinery, a rice mill, a packaging and distribution center, and a renewable energy facility that is the largest biomass power plant in North America.



VALLEY OF THE GIANTS.
Few ranches can match the
variety of terrain and scenic
splendor of Bob Funk's UU
Bar in the Sangre de Cristos
of Northern New Mexico.

GUSTAV SCHMIEGE III



THE HEARST CASTLE. The formal name of William Randolph Hearst's castle was La Cuesta Encantada — Spanish for “The Enchanted Hill.” Six years after his death in 1951, the family donated the 165-room castle to the State of California.

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65 | **Hearst Family**
153,000 acres

Although William Randolph Hearst (1863-1951) garnered more headlines with his newspaper publishing empire, it was his father, Sen. George Hearst (1820-91), who built the family fortune. And it all began with land. The elder Hearst was a Missouri native who ventured west to California as a 49er. A decade later he and his partners hit pay dirt in what is now Nevada. (At the time, however, it was still known as the Utah Territory.) The source was the Comstock Lode, the biggest silver rush in American history. Hearst parlayed this success into sundry other mining interests, including South Dakota's Homestake gold mine and Montana's Anaconda copper mine. Hearst also bought 48,000 acres of ranchland near the tiny town of San Simeon in Central California. He expanded that initial purchase to 270,000 acres. Today, the family's ranching interests include the 80,000-acre Piedra Blanca Rancho at San Simeon and the 73,000-acre Jack Ranch near Cholame.

66 | **Ellison Family**
152,000 acres

The Ellison Ranching Co. celebrated its centennial in 2010. Originally based in Utah, the family expanded into Nevada early on with the acquisition of the Kings River Ranch in Humboldt County. According to the *Elko Daily Free Press*, in June 1911, about the same time the Kings River Ranch was purchased, the family also bought the Buffalo, Quinn River, and Rebel Creek ranches. In 1917, the family added the Blossom Ranch, the Fish Creek Ranch, the Cottonwood Ranch, and the Squaw Valley Ranch. In 1925 the renowned Spanish Ranch, which was pioneered in 1871 by two brothers from the Spanish Pyrenees, was acquired. In 1933, like a lot of other operators in the American West, the ranching company faced some serious financial obstacles, and four of the original ranches — Rebel Creek, Buffalo, Twin River, and Kings River — were sold. In due time, fortunes changed, and in 1948 the family was able to add the White House Ranch to its portfolio.

67 | **Bass Family**
150,000 acres

Family patriarch Sid Richardson was a larger-than-life Texan whose reputation as a wildcatter has few peers. According to the Texas State Historical Association, when Richardson was still in high school in his hometown of Athens, he netted \$3,500 trading cattle. That was in 1908. At his peak, his vast holdings included production in both the Keystone Field in West Texas and the Eola Field in Louisiana. He also owned (and loved) St. Joseph's Island, a 17-mile-long, five-mile-wide sanctuary just off the Gulf Coast of Texas. Richardson hunted on St. Joseph's. He welcomed friends and family to his island. And he ran some 2,000 head of cattle. He also died on St. Joseph's in 1959. A close friend of then-Senator Lyndon Johnson, Richardson's deal-making acumen earned him the telling nickname “The Billionaire Bachelor,” and his four great-nephews — Bob, Ed, Lee, and Sid Bass of Fort Worth — are similarly talented. The brothers also enjoy the same ties to the land.



GUSTAV SCHMIEGE III

GETTING WESTERN. Few towns can compete with Cimarron for Old West heritage. Set on the Santa Fe Trail, it is home to the historic St. James Hotel as well as several major ranch holdings, including Ted Turner's Vermejo Park, Bob Funk's UU Bar, and the Davis family's CS Ranch.

67 | **Emily Garvey Bonavia**
150,000 acres

When Willard Garvey passed away, his daughter, Emily Bonavia, inherited the Kansan's 200,000-acre cattle and farming operation outside Winnemucca, Nevada. Today, she runs the family's Nevada First Corporation with a focus on conservation.

67 | **Boswell Family**
150,000 acres

California-based J.G. Boswell Co. is the country's leading cotton grower. It mills and sells Pima cotton to textile makers worldwide. It also manufactures cotton byproducts. Auscott, its Australian subsidiary, is a major grower and marketer of Australian cotton. J.G. Boswell is also a major grower and supplier of tomatoes and operates real estate development companies.

67 | **Eddy Family**
150,000 acres

In 1852, Nova Scotia sea captain William Renton arrived in Puget Sound intent on building a sawmill. Two failed attempts did

not deter him, and more than a decade later, he bought land on Bainbridge Island where he founded the Port Blakely Mill Company. In 2014, the family-owned Port Blakely Companies will celebrate its sesquicentennial. Holdings include Port Blakely Communities, Blakely Pacific, Pacific Lumber & Shipping, and Port Blakely Tree Farms in Washington and Oregon.

67 | **William Henry Green Heirs**
150,000 acres

A diversified cow-calf and stocker cattle operation, the historic Green Ranch, which dates back to 1885, is headquartered in Albany, Texas. Billy Green oversees the ranch, which was named the 2002 winner of the American Quarter Horse Association Best Remuda Award.

67 | **King Brothers**
150,000 acres

Luther and Frank King have holdings in the heart of Texas that they operate independently, including the 4K Land and Cattle Co.

73 | **David Murdock**
149,702 acres

This 90-year-old shows no signs of slowing down. According to *The New York Times*, Murdock plans to live to 125 " ... and sees no reason he can't, provided that he continues eating the way he has for the last quarter century: with a methodical, messianic correctness that he believes can, and will, ward off major disease and minor ailment alike." The Los Angeles billionaire and Dole Food Company CEO recently engineered a \$1.21 billion deal to take Dole private. The buyout will make Murdock the sole owner of the produce giant's 25,000 acres of agricultural and forest land in Hawaii. Murdock was already heavily invested in Oahu through his privately held Castle & Cooke, which owns about 120,000 acres and includes the 3,500-home Koa Ridge development project. In 2012, Murdock made headlines worldwide when it was announced that he sold the island of Lanai to Oracle CEO Larry Ellison. The reported asking price? A cool \$500 million.

74 | **Wells Family**
149,000 acres

Spread out over eight counties in Nebraska, the family's Rush Creek Land & Livestock was established just before the turn of the 20th century by patriarch Thomas Wells. It's still a working cattle ranch, which also produces alfalfa and millet.

75 | **L-A-D Foundation**
145,000 acres

Dedicated to sustainable forest management protection of natural and cultural areas in Missouri, the not-for-profit L-A-D got its start in the 1960s, when St. Louis businessman and conservationist Leo Drey began making sizable donations of land. Today the foundation owns significant tracts, including Pioneer Forest, a National Natural Landmark, and eleven Missouri Natural Areas.

76 | **Gerald J. Ford**
144,580 acres

Before he became a billionaire, Texas businessman Gerald J. Ford was a farmer's son, which explains his love for land. Today, he owns Rio Hondo Land & Cattle Co. and Diamond A Ranch in New Mexico along with Diamond A Farms in Kentucky (part of the former Brookside Farm).

77 | **Stefan Soloviev**
141,700 acres

Soloviev's Crossroads Ag grows corn, canola, sunflowers, sorghum, wheat, and cotton in Kansas, Colorado, and New Mexico. In recent years, the business has focused on acquiring grassland to complement its New Mexico farmland holdings and help facilitate a large-scale cow-calf operation south of its headquarters in Portales. Soloviev is also at work on development of a wind power project northwest of Austin, Texas.

78 | **Harrison Family**
140,000 acres

For over eight decades, these Texans have bred quality horses for AQHA and rodeos as well as working ranch use. They were awarded the AQHA Legacy Award.

78 | **Lane Family**
140,000 acres

The Lane family runs a respected cattle and ranch business in Montana, founded by the

late Thomas Lane. Today his four sons and two daughters uphold the family's legacy. "We're just continuing the tradition and we'll expand if we can," says Thomas Lane Jr.

80 | **Crosby Family**
135,000 acres

Based in New Orleans, Crosby Land and Resources celebrates its 75th anniversary in November. The family-owned forestry business is led by Robert H. Crosby III, who was named the 2013 Forest Landowner of the Year by the Forest Landowners Association.

81 | **Ellwood Heirs**
130,000 acres

The Ellwood name became famous with the invention of barbed wire in the 1870s. Today Isaac Ellwood's heirs operate Spade Ranches, including the original Renderbrook Spade Ranch south of Colorado City, Texas, which Isaac established in 1889.

81 | **Monahan Family**
130,000 acres

The third generation of Monahans steer the Monahan Cattle Co. in Nebraska. Stretching 33 miles long, the family ranch raises commercial cattle primarily, but also maintains registered Herefords.

83 | **Davis Heirs**
127,500 acres

In 1873 Frank Springer founded the CS Ranch, a historic New Mexico spread that straddles the Cimarron cutoff of the old Santa Fe Trail. Grandson Les Davis took the reins in 1947, and today the CS Cattle Company remains a family business, run by Les's wife, Linda, and their six children. Horses are an integral part of life on the CS as well as cattle, farming, and hunting.

84 | **Booth Family**
125,000 acres

With Rocky Mountain operations in Colorado and Wyoming, Booth Land and Livestock is a significant cow-calf operator that also facilitates the movement of native wildlife, including elk and antelope. For their efforts to support natural habitats, the family-run business has been singled out for commendation by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

84 | **Brite Heirs**
125,000 acres

Lucas Charles Brite, known as Luke to his friends, established his Bar Cross brand in 1904 at the foot of Presidio County's Capote Mountain in Texas. Today, the fourth generation of the family oversees Brite Ranch operations, including the sale of line-bred Herefords and a hunting program.

86 | **Reese Family**
122,200 acres

The Reese family's Rockin' 7 Ranch in Wyoming celebrates its 100th next year. In 1914, the original Reese homestead was 320 acres, "and we've been running beef cows on it ever since," says fourth-generation owner Brad Reese. They've also been growing; in 2013 the Reeses added another 5,200 acres.

87 | **Milliken Family**
119,500 acres

Roger Milliken, president and CEO of Baskahegan Company, the family's Maine timber firm, also serves on the board of Milliken & Co., a South Carolina-based textiles and chemicals empire cofounded in 1865 by his great-grandfather Seth Milliken. Says Roger of the family's focus on sustainability, "A healthy forest is an essential foundation for a financially healthy company."

88 | **Roxanne Quimby**
119,000 acres

In 1975, 24-year-old Roxanne Quimby, a Massachusetts native with an art degree, arrived in the North Woods of Maine in a VW van. Nine years later, Quimby entered into a collaboration with Burt Shavitz, a beekeeper who sold honey from the back of his pickup. It wasn't long before the two were selling more Burt's Bees products at local fairs than they could produce. Their startup grew into the best-selling brand of natural personal care products in the world with more than 160 minimally processed items. Quimby got land fever and bought 8,000 acres of Maine woodlands. By the time the Clorox Company acquired Burt's Bees in 2007, Quimby's payday was \$350 million. She bought more acreage. She'd like to create two parks. On the first, a 30,000-acre tract, activities such as hunting, snowmobiling, and logging would be permitted. The second, Maine Woods National Park, would cover 70,000 acres.

89 | **Moursund Family**
115,000 acres

Will Stribling Moursund and Mary Moursund Reagor oversee the family's operations, which include ranchland that stretches from Texas into Oklahoma and Nebraska, and as far north as South Dakota.

90 | **Scharbauer Family**
113,532 acres

The Scharbauers' ties to the land run deep. More than a century ago the family began raising sheep in West Texas. As time wore on, sheep ranches were transformed into cattle ranches. And that was before oil was discovered in the Permian Basin. The family's Valor Farms, which is in Denton County, specializes in Thoroughbreds. In 1987, Valor's Alysheba won the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes.

91 | **Richard Evans**
112,600 acres

The drought that has had the Southwest in its dusty grip since 2010 has impacted many ranchers on The Land Report 100, but perhaps none more so than Richard Evans. Conditions became so dire on his Double V Ranch in New Mexico that the herd of cattle allegedly suffered to the point where at least two dozen animals starved to death. Evans was charged with 25 counts of cruelty to animals, and the entire herd was later sold to a third party under agreement with the state Livestock Board and the 10th District Court. According to the *Albuquerque Journal*, New Mexico is in its driest two-year period in nearly 120 years of record-keeping.

92 | **Clayton and Modesta Williams Jr.**
112,042 acres

Born in Alpine, Claytie grew up in Fort Stockton; his wife Modesta comes from a ranching family as well. The two are dedicated ranchers, avid hunters, and active preservationists who have been recognized by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation for their innovative stewardship.

93 | **Stan Harper**
111,977 acres

With operations in both Texas and New Mexico, Stan Harper increased his holdings by acquiring an adjoining property in his native New Mexico.

94 | **Frank VanderSloot**
110,448 acres

Entrepreneur Frank VanderSloot, founder of Melaleuca Inc., has built a reputation for Quarter Horses at his Fort Ranch in Utah. His Riverbend Ranch in Idaho, known for purebred Black Angus, is ranked as the seventh-largest seedstock operation in the U.S.

95 | **Linnebur Family**
110,000 acres

Based in Colorado, the Linnebur family's holdings are overseen by the descendants of late brothers Emmett, Lloyd, and Gene. Operations include farming and cattle ranching, along with Linnebur Grain & Buffalo.

96 | **Arthur Nicholas**
105,119 acres

Arthur Nicholas, co-founder of California-based Nicholas Investment Partners, serves on the board of the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. He's also the owner of Wyoming's historic Wagonhound Land and Livestock, an AQHA Ranching Heritage Breeder. This September, the Wagonhound held its first production sale, which offered horses with some of the top bloodlines in AQHA history.

97 | **Robinson Family**
103,000 acres

Ni'ihau, the "Forbidden Island" of Hawaii, has been privately held for nearly 150 years by the Robinsons. Current owners Keith and Bruce Robinson are great-great-grandsons of Elizabeth Sinclair, who famously purchased the island for \$10,000 in gold from King Kamehameha V in 1864. The brothers continue to make good on her promise to preserve the island's traditional culture.

98 | **Riggs Family**
102,822 acres

In 1879, Brannick Riggs settled in the rugged Chiricahua Mountains of Cochise County, Arizona. A great-grandson, John Riggs, in conjunction with his siblings, has developed plans to keep the family's holdings intact, including the establishment of two sustainable communities, Brannick and The Mare Pasture. The latter will integrate agriculture through grass-fed beef, a vineyard, orchards along streets and parks, gardens, and greenhouses.

99 | **Butler Heirs**
101,315 acres

A more complete history of the family's Fort Union Ranch, which dates back to 1885, can be found on page 96. Now being run by fifth- and sixth-generation family members, the 95,315-acre working cattle ranch surrounds the Fort Union National Monument and borders the Rio Mora National Wildlife Refuge. Its operations also include annual elk and pronghorn hunts as well as timber and tree harvesting.

100 | **Beggs Family**
100,000 acres

The fourth generation of the family oversees Beggs Cattle Company, which was established in 1876. It includes a trio of ranches that spans seven counties in the Lone Star State that raise cattle and Quarter Horses.

100 | **Powell Family**
100,000 acres

The fourth generation of the family now oversees Powell Ranches in Nebraska and three counties in Texas. Respected rancher James "Jimmy" Powell and his wife Nancy turned the reins over to their daughters Lorrie Uhl and Victoria Johnson this year.

100 | **Walter Umphrey**
100,000 acres

Umphrey, one of the best-known lawyers in Texas for his work as a member of the Tobacco Five, is as comfortable on the range as he is in a courtroom. His South Texas holdings include the Timberline Ranch near Woodville and the Southern Star Ranch near Uvalde. The Baylor grad and his wife have been generous in their philanthropic endeavors and recently made a significant donation to his alma mater. The Sheila and Walter Umphrey Bridge at Baylor Stadium will be built over the Brazos River, connecting the new stadium with Baylor Law School and the Baylor campus.

100 | **Yates Family**
100,000 acres

Located in Mora County in Northern New Mexico, the historic Ojo Feliz Ranch is owned by the Yates family. They also own Yates Petroleum, which is recognized as one of the largest producers of oil and gas in the Land of Enchantment. 🇺🇸