

*“When the land
does well for its
owner, and the
owner does well
by his land;
when both end
up better by
reason of their
partnership, we
have
conservation”
Aldo Leopold*

Save the Cowboy

SAVE THE COWBOY, STOP AMERICAN PRAIRIE RESERVE!



- Thank you for your interest in the impact of American Prairie Reserve (APR) on agriculture and our local communities.
- APR's mission to create the largest nature reserve in the continental US will replace the cattle, people and communities of this area.
- The Missouri Breaks region of Central and North Central Montana has been farmed and ranched since the homestead days over 100 years ago, yet is widely proclaimed as remaining just as Lewis and Clark found it.
- APR is seeking to change the land from production agriculture to recreational use, with no concern for the reduction of individual, county and state income and tax revenue.
- APR's non-profit status rewards donors from around the world who contribute millions of dollars to help purchase land in this area.
- A formidable adversary when ranches come up for sale, non-profit status gives an unfair advantage that the next generation of agriculture can't compete with.
- We have limited means to discourage the APR. Educating their donors, many whom we believe support them because they are enchanted by the "American West," may be our best shot.

- In a world where people go hungry, APR could single-handedly displace 10% of Montana's beef cattle herd. The grazing APR currently controls could have fed 50,000 people annually.
- A rancher produces pounds of beef while grazing the prairies, a renewable resource. Agriculture creates dollars and jobs that are the backbone of our country.
- In contrast, APR produces nothing, providing only recreation and part-time service jobs.
- APR media has led supporters to believe that there are few people living here, that the land needs restored and preserved, and that APR can co-exist with ranching.
- We are here, the land is pristine because we've cared for it as it has cared for us, and APR is a threat to our farms and ranches, communities, and to production agriculture.
- Our small towns and schools offer a lifestyle and education that is invaluable to maintaining healthy families.
- The failure of the Lewis & Clark bicentennial to bring tourists to this area should be a lesson learned.
- We support the free market. Our concern is for those of us who will be made into willing sellers as APR continues down the path of bringing back free-roaming bison and large predators like grizzly bears and wolves.
- **Production agriculture, farming and ranching, cannot co-exist with the American Prairie Reserve's goal of an "American Serengeti." Simply put, it's them or us.**

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