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2018 Land Report 100

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The LandLeader LLC, a national recreational real estate marketing company, is excited to announce a partnership with The Land Report 100, a ranking of the top private landowners from across the United States. Together, with our professional real estate brokerage members and their teams of highly trained land specialists, we do more than what is expected. By offering more marketing strategies than other real estate companies, our members set sale records year after year!
America the Beautiful’ is much more than a patriotic song. It’s every hillside, mountain, valley, trickling creek and roaring river. It’s mile-long meadows of cows and horses grazing under bluebird skies. We are so fortunate as Americans to live in such a beautiful country, and it’s our duty to protect these natural wonders. Whether you own land or aspire to, you are likely part of a community that lives and breathes the great outdoors – hunting, fishing, farming, conservation, environmental stewardship – all of the things that make land so meaningful. Land gives us grit and it gives us memories, along with a legacy to pass on to future generations.

Land ownership is a spirited endeavor, and one to be very proud of. And that’s why everyone in the LandLeader community far and wide embodies that spirit. I have the distinct honor and privilege of working alongside real estate professionals who are beyond passionate about farm, ranch, plantation and recreational land. Learning each unique story about the lands we work with, stories from the landowners themselves that are full of history, hard work and character, is truly a fulfilling experience. From farmers, to ranchers and to those who simply enjoy the great outdoors, the draw of the land is strong and unwavering.

If you’re reading this, you surely know that the LandLeader family is special. Each member has a true love and knowledge of the great outdoors and all that it offers. No matter your pursuit, no matter your goals, we are here to help you find your perfect property. We encourage you to reach out to our members and share your passion for the land. We love hearing the stories that make land so special.

Pat Doyle
Managing Director
LandLeader
The Land Report

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A comprehensive look at the nation’s largest landowners
WE FOUND MORE THAN 1 MILLION ACRES

FIVE NEW LANDOWNERS AND ONE RETURNEE

RESEARCHED BY JEFF ETHEREDGE, LISA MARTIN & KATY RICHARDSON
In addition to its focus on the productivity and profitability of its cattle operations, Malone’s SILVER SPUR RANCHES makes the preservation of historic structures and time-tested traditions a priority as well. One of the many examples of this takes place on New Mexico’s BELL RANCH, an historic land grant that dates back to 1824. In 2010, Malone acquired the Bell from the heirs of William Lane, who had reassembled 290,100 acres of the original Pablo Montoya grant. Two years later in 2012, a chuck wagon rolled out of Bell Ranch headquarters and the crew spent the next four weeks preparing grub for Bell cowboys during spring works. The wooden-wheeled wagon was pulled by a pair of Bell Quarter Horses. “We’ve been so fortunate that Silver Spur has bought the Bell Ranch and has allowed us to maintain some of these old traditions and bring some of them back,” said Kris Wilson, the Bell manager who resurrected the tradition.

THE BELL
The distinctive butte that gives this New Mexico ranch its famous name has been a majestic sentinel to those who toil in its shadow.
Running the largest private herd of bison on earth – more than 50,000 head – requires an enormous amount of grazing land. Some of the finest natural pasturage can be found on the Great Plains, the traditional range of *Bison bison*. In late 2018, **TURNER RANCHES** augmented its Nebraska holdings by acquiring the **KIME RANCH** in the Sand Hills. The 15,055-acre Cherry County tract was a strategic acquisition of the highest order. It sits directly between two other Turner holdings, the **MCMURTRY RANCH** and the **SPIKEBOX**, and will no doubt increase efficiencies on both. According to a Turner representative, the acquisition of the Kime Ranch and the deaccession of some non-essential parcels left Turner’s total holdings at 2 million acres.
ABOVE Sierra Pacific’s forest thinning and fuel-break project was successful in slowing the growth of the deadly 2018 Camp Fire. The preemptive effort allowed firefighters to safely fight the fire and save more than 100 structures in the immediate area of Paradise Lake as well as Stirling City.

LEFT After acquiring Montana’s Flying D Ranch, Ted Turner told Taylor Glover, “All I want to see is bison.” That’s exactly what you see on Turner Ranches.

Emmerson Family

1,956,100 ACRES

Through their wholly owned SIERRA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES (SPI), the Emmersons are engaged in collaborative efforts to restore and maintain the health of California’s forests. In partnership with the US Forest Service, National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, and others, this landscape-level work is helping protect communities, wildlife, water quality, and other forest resources. Forests are being thinned to reduce densities and provide the remaining trees the opportunity to better withstand fire, pests, and disease. Firebreaks are being created to help keep fire at the ground level and provide a place for firefighters to control the fire. Thanks to these efforts, SPI received USFS’s Pacific Southwest Region 2018 Partnership of the Year recognition. With a team of 5,100 crew members, Sierra Pacific continues to be one of the largest privately owned US forest products companies. It is among the largest US lumber manufacturers and wood window producers.
**The Bighorn Mountain Ranch**

$16,950,000 • 6,713 Acres • Big Horn County, WY

The Bighorn Mountain Ranch is an excellent piece of high country heaven with excellent views, wildlife and privacy. This 6,713 +/- acre mountain ranch consists of excellent cabins and lodges, rolling grass-covered hills and meadows that are cut by deep tree-covered canyons and game filled bluffs. **Contact: Dax Hayden, (970) 674-1990 and Bill Vacek, (307) 699-1378.**

**Hidden Lakes Ranch**

$13,000,000 • 1,787 Acres • Mesa County, CO

Surrounded by mature forest and the unspoiled sounds of nature on truly one of the most unique and magnificent properties in the west, you will find Hidden Lakes Ranch. The Hidden Lakes Ranch consist of 3 private lakes providing the ranch with nearly 50 acres of private lakes. **Contact: Lonnie Gustin, (970) 629-0520.**
LAZY VC KELLY RANCH
$8,879,150 • 8,557 Acres • Perkins County, SD
The Lazy VC Kelly Ranch was established in 1894 and has never been offered for sale since it was homesteaded 124 years ago. The 8,557.17 acre ranch contains 7,721.17 deeded acres, a 676 acre BLM lease and a 160 private lease all in a contiguous unit. It is time tested cattle and sheep country located in Perkins County, SD. Contact: Jeff Garrett, (605) 641-0574.

THE DIAMOND V
$8,000,000 • 1,580 Acres • Washakie County, WY
The Diamond V is comprised of 1580 +/- deeded acres located in Northeastern Wyoming in the Big Horn Basin. The property extends from the Big Horn river to the bad lands. Most of the property consists of pivot irrigation and has exceptional hunting, fishing and recreational opportunities. Contact: Bill Vacek, (307) 699-1378.

PANTHER CREEK RANCH
$6,990,000 • 1,220 Acres • Pueblo County, CO
Resting 140 miles from Denver, CO the property offers the rare combination of excellent access and absolute privacy. Panther Creek features an 8,820 sq.ft. custom built home with incredible views of mountains, valleys and excellent meadows to attract big game or run some cows on, in the summer months. Contact: Seth Hayden, (970) 692-6321.

DAVIS ELK, LAND & CATTLE RANCH
$5,357,000 • 9,034 Acres • Catron County, NM
This area is readily accessible to Arizona, Utah, Nevada and California (all states that could take 10-20 years plus to draw an elk tag). This family-holding has been in the same family for close to 40 years and has been historically a cattle and Trophy Elk Ranch. +/- 7 landowner bull elk vouchers annually have complimented the ranch. Contact: Greg Liddle, (970) 946-0374.
Headquartered in Seattle, the Reed family’s GREEN DIAMOND RESOURCES COMPANY is a fifth-generation, family-owned forest products company with timberland in eight states spread out across the Pacific Northwest and the South. Several substantial acquisitions have recently increased the family’s holdings, including the December 2018 purchase of 92,000 acres of timberland in five Northeast Alabama counties from Sustainable Woodlands Fund and its timberland manager, The Molpus Woodlands Group. Additionally, Green Diamond’s partnership with Silver Creek Capital Management of Seattle, which dates back to 2017, is building a substantial portfolio. At press time, the joint venture’s total land ownership in the South was approximately half a million acres.
J.K. Irving planted the company’s one billionth tree in July. Quite an accomplishment for a family rooted in the legacy of patriarch James Dergavel Irving, whose grandparents emigrated from Scotland with plenty of hope and little else. In 1882, J.D. opened a sawmill in New Brunswick, the first in a series of ventures that would usher in decades of entrepreneurial growth. Today, the Irvings rank as Maine’s largest private landowners. The family also owns some 1.9 million acres in Canada. Each year, the US and Canadian divisions plant a combined 20 million trees. Other Irving family enterprises include newspapers and petrochemicals. In October, an explosion rocked an Irving Oil facility – Canada’s largest refinery – in Saint John, New Brunswick. Four workers were injured in the blast, but thankfully no fatalities were reported. The refinery produces more than 320,000 barrels of gasoline, jet fuel, heating oil, and other products every day. More than half of the production is exported to the US.

5/Stan Kroenke

1,380,000 ACRES

At 560,000 acres, KROENKE RANCHES’ Q CREEK RANCH is a kingdom unto itself and encompasses 875 square miles of deeded and public lands in Central Wyoming’s Shirley Basin. In addition to its cattle operations, the ranch is a licensed Wyoming outfitter (q creek.com) and offers exceptional hunting and fishing to paying guests. Rates for elk, mule deer, and antelope vary by hunt, season, and residency. Fishing at Q Creek is offered from late May through mid-September, costs $520 per person per day, and includes lodging and meals. The waters on Q Creek Ranch are pristine and cold running. They range from spring-fed prairie ponds to backcountry lakes as large as 40 acres. Species include cutthroats, browns, rainbows, and brook trout, and 20-inchers are not uncommon.

6/Irving Family

1,247,880 ACRES

A joint venture between the Reed family’s Green Diamond Resources and Seattle’s Silver Creek Capital now owns half a million acres of timberland in the South.
Constituting 414 acres of unspoiled oceanfront land next to the historic Pigeon Point Lighthouse. This prime oceanside real estate has been preserved for farming, wildlife, and recreational users. The current owners have made a living for decades planting and harvesting brussel sprouts, fava beans, leeks, and peas. **Contact:** John Ward, (415) 215-8728 and Charlie Engs, (415) 601-6330.

**BOLSA POINT RANCH**

$24,999,999 • 414 Acres • San Mateo County, CA

Consisting of 414 acres of unspoiled oceanfront land next to the historic Pigeon Point Lighthouse. This prime oceansiderealestatehasbeenpreserved for farming, wildlife, and recreational users. The current owners have made a living for decades planting and harvesting brussel sprouts, fava beans, leeks, and peas. **Contact:** John Ward, (415) 215-8728 and Charlie Engs, (415) 601-6330.

**INDEPENDENCE VALLEY FARM & RANCH**

47,737 Deeded Acres • Elko County, NV

**Contact:** Todd Renfrew, (707) 455-4444

**PINE RANCH**

$12,950,000 • 9,494 Acres • Yolo County, CA

Imagine the most perfect place for the recreational enthusiast; a place where you, your friends and family can hunt, fish, hike, camp, play, swim, ride horseback, round up cattle, or just hang-out, relax and enjoy the stunning views, a place where you never want to leave. This offering is available in three options. **Contact:** Todd Renfrew, (707) 455-4444 and Charlie Engs, (415) 601-6330.
SANTA RITA RANCH
$8,999,000 • 1,715 Acres • San Luis Obispo County, CA
This 1715 acre ranch has three homes, a barn, tool shed, workshop, lake, multiple wells, springs, and can run 100 head of cattle year round. Just 10 miles to the town of Templeton, 17 miles to Paso Robles, and 14 miles to the coastal town of Cambria, you can easily reach modern amenities, the ocean, or stay home to enjoy your surroundings. Contact: Todd Renfrew, (707) 455-4444.

MONROE LAND & LIVESTOCK
$8,800,000 • 2,300 Acres • Pershing County, NV
Monroe Land and Livestock is an opportunity to own an incredible income generating property. Encompassing 2300 +/- total deeded acres, this hay and working cattle ranch has a plethora of water, alfalfa, corn, and grain production, and runs 300 - 500 AU. This property is a hay and cattle ranch, with tremendous income generating opportunities. Contact: Todd Renfrew, (707) 455-4444.

HEINRICH RANCH
$7,750,000 • 1,963 Acres • Fresno County, CA
The Heinrich Ranch overlooks the California Central Valley and Sierra Foothills. Set among 1963 +/- acres is a world-class cattle, equestrian and recreational property featuring five-star improvements, including a 9,000 +/- square foot luxury main home, set atop one of the highest points of the ranch. Contact: Caitlin Wilson, (831) 229-7246 and Chris Bailey, (831) 277-8344.

RK RANCH
$4,998,800 • 5,732 Acres • Merced County, CA
Just an hour and a half from the San Francisco Bay Area, possibilities are endless on this expansive 5,732 acre ranch. Infinite recreational opportunities await with elk, trophy blacktail deer, pigs, quail, doves, outstanding bass fishing, along with catfish, and bluegill. The ranch is currently leased out for cattle grazing. Contact: Todd Renfrew, (707) 455-4444.
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2018, Singleton Ranches won the Coors Ranch Rodeo Championship for the third year in a row. In addition to bragging rights, the three-peat means that the trophy (at left) was officially retired. Congratulations!

**8/Singleton Family**

1,110,000 ACRES

Teledyne cofounder Henry Singleton (1916-1999) was the driving force behind the creation of Singleton Ranches. Born on a small ranch north of Fort Worth, he rekindled these ties in 1986 when he acquired the San Cristobal Ranch near Santa Fe. Additional acquisitions followed. The Singletons currently own 1.1 million acres, principally in New Mexico but also in California. In

**7/Brad Kelley**

1,150,000 ACRES

Much like John Malone’s Silver Spur Ranches have given new life to old ways (see page 96), Brad Kelley has reinvigorated legendary Calumet Farm. In the last century, Thoroughbreds from the 762-acre Kentucky breeding and training facility raced to victory in every black-type event, including the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness, and the Belmont Stakes. Calumet’s dominance peaked mid-century with Triple Crown winners Whirlaway (1941) and Citation (1948). Then owner Warren Wright passed in 1950. Trainer Ben Jones (shown above with 1949 Kentucky Derby winner Ponder) died in 1961. By the 1980s, the farm was in serious decline. By 1991, it was losing a reported $1 million a month and sought bankruptcy protection. Fortunately, it found a savior in Henryk de Kwiatkowski, whose heirs shepherded it for two decades. In 2012, Kelley’s Calumet Investment Group acquired it, and the following year Calumet Farm returned to the winner’s circle when Oxbow won the Preakness Stakes.

**9/Peter Buck**

925,000 ACRES

How many Subway Cold Cut Combos go into an acre of timberland? (Here’s a hint: It doesn’t matter if you order a six-inch combo or the footlong.) Only a nuclear physicist could answer that correctly, right? Exactly. A nuclear physicist by the name of Peter Buck. Dr. Buck’s Tall Timbers Trust has emerged as one of the largest owners of timberland in the Pine Tree State. And it’s all because Buck gave a college freshman (and family friend) named Fred DeLuca $1,000 and the idea to open a submarine sandwich shop in Bridgeport, Connecticut. That partnership has since manifested itself in 40,000 locations — and 925,000 acres of timberland.
2018 was a banner year for the Return to the Remuda Sale, and the participation of KING RANCH QUARTER HORSES as a guest consignor played a part. The largest crowd in sale history gathered at the Four Sixes Ranch in Guthrie, Texas. Some 146 head sold at the highest per horse average in sale history. The end result was the highest gross sales in the history of the sale: $1,545,200. King Ranch Quarter Horse Manager James Clement III insists that 2019 will be even better.
**STEVENS ROAD, A LEGACY RANCH AND ESTATE**

$6,250,000 • 100 Deeded Acres • Jackson County, OR

Contact: Chris Martin, (541) 660-5111 and Wes Walton, (541) 840-8685

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**OCHOCO TROPHY HUNTING/TIMBER**

$4,890,000 • 3,520 Acres • Wheeler County, OR

This is the perfect place for your families hunting, vacation ranch and “YES” underground power to the home. With +/- 320 acres of irrigated pasture land, this property is in the famous Ochoco Mountains of Central OR. Monster Mule Deer over 30 inches and Trophy Rocky Mtn. Elk in the 370+. Contact: Tim O’Neil, (541) 480-3682 and Garrett Zoller, (541) 944-8821.

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**2399 TERRI DRIVE**

$2,890,000 • 20 Acres • Jackson County, OR

Follow a country road, through three decorative coded gates, to this 7,556-square foot custom home surrounded by 3,000 acres of limited-use land where herds of elk, deer and other wildlife are often seen in the oak meadows or adjacent open spaces. Contact: Jason Jantzer, (541) 973-7180 and Garrett Zoller, (541) 944-8821.
One-of-a-kind recreation or hunting property that is surrounded by United States Forest Service land and within walking distance to the Upper Pack River. Property includes easement to your own sandy beach. Enjoy camping, hiking, fishing, or hunting. Fresh sign of elk, moose, cougar, bear, and deer abound. Contact: Tosh Lanquist, (208) 277-6069.

COY CREEK RANCH, GOLD BEACH
$2,680,000 • 215 Acres • Curry County, OR

Perched above the Pacific with stunning ocean and coastline views. Features multiple approved home sites with land partitions. Prime for the development of 3 custom homes. 2 of the 3 home sites have ocean views. The 3rd homesite is nestled along Gillman Creek on a large meadow. Excellent road system throughout the property. Contact: Mike Nichols, (541) 944-7708.

BUCKHORN MOUNTAIN RANCH
$1,950,000 • 1,127 Acres • Okanogan County, WA

Spectacular recreational and agricultural asset. 1,127 acres has mountains, timber, alfalfa fields and bottomland grazing. 2.7 miles borders on thousands of Forest Service and State land acres. Prime deer hunting. Ever-present whitetail and mule deer make bagging your limit nearly a guarantee. Contact: Jeff King, (206) 550-8998.

HIGH BANKS
$739,000 • 8.5 Acres • Jackson County, OR

This 8.55 acre property is nestled along BOTH sides of a rare and breathtakingly scenic stretch of the acclaimed Rogue River, presenting unsurpassed privacy and views of Table Rock. The 2501 Square foot rustic home was strategically built perched on a knoll above the floodplain to look directly over the river, boasting views over a quarter mile down stream. Contact: Garrett Zoller, (541) 944-8821.

TWILIGHT LN
$99,000 • 10 Acres • Boundary County, ID

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11/Pingree Heirs
830,000 ACRES

Pingree lands are consolidated in Maine and owned by fifth-, sixth-, and seventh-generation descendants of David Pingree (1795–1863). Known as the Merchant Prince of Salem, Pingree’s nineteenth-century empire ultimately exceeded 1 million acres, including tracts in 100 different Maine townships as well as in Kentucky, Ohio, New Hampshire, Texas, and Wisconsin. His heirs manage their holdings via Bangor-based SEVEN ISLANDS LAND COMPANY, which produces lumber via Maine Woods Company and birch, oak, and maple flooring through Moosewood Millworks.

12/Wilks Brothers
702,367 ACRES

FRAC TECH founders Farris and Dan Wilks own ranches in Oregon, Tennessee, and Texas, and they rank as the state’s leading landowners in Montana and Idaho. At least they did at press time. Wilks Ranch Brokers (wilksranchbrokers.com) just listed four of the Wilks’s Montana properties—13,107-acre BULL MOUNTAIN RANCH ($14.75 million), 5,710-acre LITTLE SNOWY MOUNTAIN RANCH ($12.25 million), 10,206-acre SAGE CREEK RANCH ($8.998 million), and 9,680-acre ROSEBUD MOUNTAIN RANCH ($7.854 million) — as well as 50,000 acres of their Idaho holdings.

13/Briscoe Heirs
640,000 ACRES

Former Texas governor Dolph Briscoe Jr. (1923-2010) ranked as the single largest landowner in Texas. Three generations of the Briscoe family have stewarded their 100,000-acre CATARINA RANCH in South Texas, the epicenter of the family’s Briscoe Ranch Company.

14/Lykes Heirs
615,000 ACRES

With more than half of the family acreage nestled in Glades and Highland counties in Florida, heirs of Dr. Howell Tyson Lykes (1846–1906) maintain a thriving cow-calf operation centered on the Brangus breed. Other business interests around the Sunshine State include forestry, farming, water resources, and recreational hunting. In Texas, where the family has received the prestigious Lone Star Land Steward Award, the Lykes own the 264,555-acre 02 RANCH, which encompasses portions of Brewster and Presidio counties in the Big Bend region.

15/Hamer Family
600,000 ACRES

Since the early 1900s, five generations of Hamers have worked in the forests of West Virginia, growing trees, harvesting timber, and running sawmills and hardwood pellet plants. In 1957, James P. Hamer was recognized as West Virginia’s Conservationist of the Year. In 1999, son Jim C. Hamer was honored by industry peers as Man of the Year for “his commitment to employees, philanthropy, and leadership in the timber industry.” Today, fifth-generation member Stephen Hamer works with his father, Steve, and other relatives to continue the family’s tradition of producing the finest Appalachian hardwoods.
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In 2007, No. 100 on the Land Report 100 owned 75,000 acres. This year? The lowest acreage total has doubled to 150,000 acres.

16/O'Connor Heirs

587,000 ACRES

By the time of his death in 1887, Irish immigrant Thomas O'Connor (1817–1887) owned half a million acres in Southeast Texas and close to 100,000 head of cattle. His philosophy? "Buy land and never sell. Land can't die, and it can't run away." Son D.M. O'Connor (1839–1900) discovered oil while drilling for water, further solidifying the family fortune. Descendants oversee operations at O'CONNOR RANCH, which stretches across Goliad, Refugio, and Victoria counties.

17/Thomas Peterffy

581,000 ACRES

This Hungarian refugee arrived in New York City in 1965 and soon began trading options on the American Stock Exchange. Ultimately, Peterffy made a name for himself by automating the trading floor with handheld computers. He then founded the electronic brokerage firm Interactive Brokers. Forbes consistently ranks the innovator as one of the world's richest billionaires. In December 2015, Peterffy vaulted into the top tier of U.S. landowners when he paid more than $700 million to acquire 561,000-acre FOLEY TIMBER & LAND in Northern Florida.

18/Ford Family

580,000 ACRES

In the depths of the Great Depression, Kenneth Ford (1908–1997) decided to go into business with a single sawmill that he pieced together using salvaged equipment. Ford's first mill initially employed 25. Today, ROSEBURG FOREST PRODUCTS employs more than 3,200 and is one of the largest family-owned wood products manufacturers in the nation. In 2018, Roseburg sold 170,000 acres of investment-grade California timberland to Shasta Cascade Timberlands, an investment vehicle formed by New Forests.

19/Martin Family

570,000 ACRES

ROYOMARTIN produces a variety of products ranging from solid wood timbers to cost-effective tape-and-panel solutions. Founded in 1923, the company just celebrated its 95th anniversary. This timber industry mainstay traces its heritage back to Roy Otis Martin Sr. (1890–1973), a Michigander who relocated to the Pelican State when he purchased a timber mill near Alexandria. The family's MARTIN SUSTAINABLE RESOURCES has holdings in two states and 32 parishes.

20/Stimson Family

552,000 ACRES

One of the nation's oldest continuously operating integrated wood products companies, the family's STIMSON LUMBER COMPANY pre-dates the Civil War. Founder Thomas Douglass (T.D.) Stimson (1827–1898) blazed a trail for six generations of his family. Originally based in Michigan, he sold his Great Lakes holdings in the 1880s and relocated to the Pacific Northwest. Today, Stimson Lumber operates seven mills in Oregon and Idaho and owns significant fir, pine, and cedar operations in Oregon, Idaho, and Montana.
21/Holland Ware

534,900 ACRES

A descendant of pioneering Georgians, the 81-year-old has accumulated substantial interests in Southern timberland spread across several states. Ware has transferred a considerable portion of his ownership interests to the HOLLAND M. WARE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, which supports cancer research and the humane treatment of animals.

22/Westervelt Heirs

518,000 ACRES

In 1884, the Prairie States Paper Company was founded by Herbert Westervelt, a talented innovator who patented the self-opening paper bag machine. His descendants’ WESTERVET COMPANY is based in Tuscaloosa and operates in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and South Carolina. Divisions include Westervelt Lumber, Westervelt Renewable Energy, Westervelt Wildlife Services, Westervelt Natural Resources, Westervelt Communities, and Westervelt Ecological Services.

23/D.R. Horton

503,000 ACRES

The chairman of the country’s leading home builder, Don Horton has snapped up several marquee ranching operations, including New Mexico’s 292,779-acre GREAT WESTERN RANCH. Each summer, he hosts hundreds of his employees’ children, grandchildren, foster children, and nieces and nephews at CAMP HORTON, his ranch near Fort Stockton, Texas. Horton’s goals are for the children to hone their manners, to experience West Texas ranch life, and to learn that the company he founded cares about them.

25/Simplot Family

443,091 ACRES

Jack Simplot (1909-2008) was no ordinary potato farmer. In 1967, the Iowa native struck a deal with McDonald’s CEO Ray Kroc to supply the fast-food giant with frozen french fries. With that single transaction, Boise-based J.R. SIMPLOT CO. went from supplying a fraction of McDonald’s spuds to prepping the lion’s share of one of America’s favorite guilty pleasures. Simplot’s heirs oversee a $2.5 billion agricultural operation with interests in farming, ranching and cattle production, food processing, phosphate mining, fertilizer manufacturing, and other endeavors.

26/Fisher Family

440,000 ACRES

Gap cofounders Donald and Doris Fisher developed the Mendocino family of companies to manage their California timberlands: MENDOCINO REDWOOD COMPANY and Pacific Lumber, now known as HUMBOLDT REDWOOD. The Fisher family recently funded a $400,000 matching challenge to support long-term community restoration for youth, the elderly, educators, emergency workers, and animals impacted by fires in Mendocino and Sonoma counties. In addition to matching donations up to $400,000, the family is covering all related administrative costs.

27/Philip Anschutz

434,500 ACRES

Phil Anschutz’s mother always hoped her son would become a history professor. There must be some consolation in the fact that the Denverite recently published a companion edition to his first book, OUT WHERE THE WEST BEGINS (see The Land Report, Winter 2015). Whereas Volume One focused on 50 business leaders who had an oversized impact on the American West, Volume Two has a much broader focus: religious thinkers, political and military leaders, civil rights proponents, suffragettes, writers, and of course, given THE ANSCHUTZ COLLECTION at the American Museum of Western Art, artists. “At the close of the Civil War, Americans still knew surprisingly little about large sections of their own backyard.” So begins a surprising chapter on surveyors. Clearly, this is must-read material for anyone with ties to or an interest in land.

28/Jeff Bezos

420,000 ACRES

+20,000 ACRES

In 2018, urban acreage was front-page news, thanks to Amazon HQ2. The race to land the giant company’s second headquarters became a mainstay of business...
journals coast to coast. Who knew that not one but two winners - New York City and Northern Virginia - would emerge? Back at his West Texas ranch, Bezos's New Shepard spacecraft is being prepared for yet another mission. The next one will be the tenth thus far. The rocket system will take nine NASA-sponsored research and technology payloads into space through NASA's Flight Opportunities program.

29/Holding Family
395,030 ACRES
+4,790 ACRES

Robert Earl Holding (1926-2003) purchased SINCLAIR OIL CORP. for $78 million in 1976. The following year, he and wife, Carol, bought Idaho's SUN VALLEY resort for $12 million. More recently, the Holdings spent $100 million on SNOWBASIN in Utah with the goal of transforming the resort into a world-class ski destination.

30/Hughes Family
390,000 ACRES

Patriarch Dan Hughes Sr. was a legend in the oil and gas industry. He began as a roustabout in high school, earned a geology degree from Texas A&M, and then found, financed, and drilled his own wells. He received multiple accolades in his lifetime, including the All-American Wildcatter Award and the Outstanding Explorer Award. Dan Hughes Jr. continued his father’s work both in the industry and as a noted conservationist, serving as the chairman of Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission. The TPWC honored Hughes Sr. by naming a unit of the Devils River State Natural Area in recognition of his efforts to raise over $10 million to purchase and conserve 17,000 acres. “The acquisition of this culturally and environmentally unique piece of Texas likely could not have happened without his spirit of generosity and leadership,” said executive director Carter Smith. The DAN A. HUGHES UNIT has 10 miles of river frontage with spectacular views from mesas and canyons, and a variety of wildlife habitats.

31/Zane & Tanya Kiehne
345,000 ACRES

NEW TO LR100

A fourth-generation rancher, Zane Kiehne was raised in New Mexico on a US Forest Service allotment with very little deeded land. He became a ranch broker and finally bought his own in 1994 when he acquired the KYLLE RANCH in Loving County, Texas. Tanya Kiehne was born and grew up in Pecos, Texas, where she worked for the Department of Agriculture’s Farm Service Agency until the family’s ranches required her full-time attention. Z&T HOLDINGS now includes ranches in seven Texas counties as well as seven counties in New Mexico. With the exception of two West Texas ranches, Z&T’s properties tend to be mountainous and are full of wildlife: elk, mule deer, whitetails, turkey, antelope, Barbary sheep, oryx, mountain lion, and bear. Some of Z&T’s New Mexico ranches also feature trout streams. Raising top-quality cattle and horses while improving rangeland conditions is a priority for the Kiehnes as is managing for wildlife. Some of Z&T’s most recent acquisitions include the 46,000-acre HUECO RANCH near El Paso and Bob Funk’s 165,000-acre UU BAR RANCH near Cimarron, New Mexico. (See “Trail Boss,” The Land Report, Fall 2011).

32/Malone Mitchell 3rd
336,000 ACRES

The CEO of Riata Corporate Group has established his LONGFELLOW RANCHES as one of the finest hunting properties in the Trans-Pecos region of Far West Texas. A full-service 4,700-square-foot lodge welcomes guests. Hunts on the 500-square-mile Longfellow include elk, mule deer, dove, and quail.

33/Stefan Soloviev
325,077 ACRES
+1,377 ACRES

This entrepreneur has moved back to his native New York City in order to work more closely with father, 90-year-old real estate developer Sheldon Solow. (The CEO of CROSSROADS AGRICULTURE embraced the Old World spelling of the family name and changed his surname from Solow to Soloviev.)
While continuing to grow wheat, sorghum, corn, and sunflowers on acreage in New Mexico, Kansas, and Texas, Soloviev currently spends his days working on father-son projects such as 685 First Avenue, a Richard Meier-designed Midtown high-rise.

34/Collins Family

311,395 ACRES

Truman “T.D.” Collins (1831-1914) found his calling as a tree man before the Civil War and ultimately became the largest private landowner in Pennsylvania. Property in the Allegheny Mountains accounts for about one-third of the family’s acreage, while the pine-rich Collins Almanor Forest in California’s Sierra Nevadas totals some 94,000 acres. The Collins Lakeview Forest, which includes nearly 100,000 acres, straddles California’s Modoc County and Oregon’s Lake and Klamath counties.

35/Shannon Kizer

302,000 ACRES

This Eastern New Mexico rancher has diversified interests and holdings in five states: Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. Kizer grows corn, hay, peanuts, and wheat, and operates a substantial dairy cattle business.

36/Robinson & Freed Families

300,000 ACRES

NEW TO LR 100

Two Utah families. Six Western ranches. A thriving partnership that dates back to the mid-twentieth century. This remarkable story is unlike any we’ve witnessed at The Magazine of the American Landowner. In the mid-twentieth century, David Robinson and David Freed co-owned the 200,000-acre Deseret Land and Livestock Ranch with Ken Garff. After exiting Deseret Land and Livestock at a profit, the Robinson and Freed families threw in on another ranch together. And another. Today, their Ensign Group holds grazing permits on more than 1 million acres of private and public lands and runs about 11,000 mother cows. In the words of Ensign CEO Chris Robinson, “It’s all about the buy side. If you buy a ranch right, it works. Our ranches hold their value. They appreciate. And they give us the opportunity to create long-term value by developing them and enhancing their efficiencies to their full operating potential.”

37/Mike Smith

295,980 ACRES

12,386 ACRES

Amarillo-based Mike Smith recently acquired the 11,830-acre Broseco Ranch in the northeast corner of Texas. Renowned for its Red Angus herd, Broseco boasts a pair of 100-acre lakes, an additional 8-acre lake, 40 ponds and tanks, 3,200 acres of wildlife habitat, a 6,600-square-foot lodge, plus six additional homes. Tom Felton represented Smith in the acquisition.

38/Llano Partners

295,000 ACRES

While overseeing farm and ranch operations in Texas, New Mexico, and Florida, Hughes Abell also steers family investments in oil and gas, commercial real estate, and timber under the banner of Llano Partners, Ltd. Abell currently serves as first vice president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, a 140-year-old trade group with a membership of more than 15,000 in Texas and Oklahoma.

39/Barta Family

187,000 ACRES

37,000 ACRES

A Nebraska native, Jim Barta got a pharmacy degree from the University of Nebraska, served in the Air Force, and then opened a drugstore that ultimately became Sav-Rx Prescription Services. His timing couldn’t have been better. As healthcare grew into a multi-billion-dollar industry, Sav-Rx enjoyed exponential growth. Barta Cattle Company is based in the Cornhusker State with additional acreage in Southeast Oregon as well as several Nevada properties.

40/Bass Family

285,000 ACRES

In 2017, ExxonMobil paid the Bass family close to $6 billion for 275,000 acres of leasehold in Texas’s Permian basin. Sid, Ed, Robert, and Lee Bass, the four great-nephews of wildcatter Sid Richardson (1891-1959), have long owned San Jose Cattle Company along with significant ranchland throughout the Lone Star State. Closer to home, Ed is spearheading the development of the $540 million Dickies Arena in Fort Worth, which is scheduled to open in November 2019.

41/Collier Family

280,000 ACRES

Land development, agriculture (citrus, sod, vegetables), and mineral management remain the mainstay of the heirs of Barron Gift Collier (1873-1939), Florida’s largest landowner at the time of his death. In May, Barron Collier III stepped down as chairman of the board of Barron Collier Company. “Ensuring our grandfather’s legacy and the
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<td>Killam Family</td>
<td>277,000</td>
<td>Twenty years after securing his initial oil lease, patriarch O.W. Killam bought the 80,000-acre Ortiz Ranch, paying a record $600,000 for the land in 1940. Today, Killam Ranch operates as a working livestock operation.</td>
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<td>Fasken Family</td>
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<td>Canadian lawyer David Fasken (1860–1929) formed Midland Farms Company in 1913, and the family has been tied to West Texas ever since. Fasken Oil and Ranch, which also operates in Southeast New Mexico, pioneered a system of fracturing that recycles and reuses water throughout the process. The company is likewise on the cutting edge of technology that improves horizontal drilling in shale formations.</td>
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<td>Kokernot Heirs</td>
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<td>Among the most storied ranches in Far West Texas, the family's O6 brand was first registered in Texas in 1837. John Kokernot acquired the brand in 1872. He and his brother Lee then began running cattle west of the Pecos River. In 1912, Lee's son, Herbert Lee Sr. (1867–1949), started assembling the ranches now known as the O6 Ranch and the Leoncita Cattle Company.</td>
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<td>Babbitt Heirs</td>
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<td>Some 7,500 Hereford graze on acreage owned by the heirs of Dave and Billy Babbitt, who arrived together in Flagstaff in 1886. Thirty years later, the family had nearly 100 ranches under its stewardship. Today, Babbitt Ranches, made up of Northern Arizona's Co Bar Cataract, and Espee Ranches, boasts not only cattle but also approximately 150 American Quarter Horses bearing the ranch's distinctive hashknife brand.</td>
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<td>Lee Family</td>
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<td>After World War I, a doughboy named Floyd Lee (1895–1987) began working as a hand in the shadow of Mount Taylor on the Fernandez Ranch in Cibola County, New Mexico. It was a storied outfit, one that was originally called the Colonel Manuel Chavez Ranch, and it sits on the Santa Fe to Fort Wingate stagecoach route. Lee and his wife, Frances, eventually bought the ranch, and they were richly rewarded when uranium was discovered on their property. And then coal. By the time of his death decades later, Lee had assembled an enormous sheep and cattle operation. He also served 12 years as a state senator in Santa Fe.</td>
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<td>Anne Marion</td>
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<td>As the only child of Anne Burnett Tandy, &quot;Little Anne&quot; spent childhood summers at the historic 6666 Ranch (&quot;Four Sixes&quot;) in Guthrie, Texas. Established in 1870 by her great-grandfather Captain Samuel &quot;Burk&quot; Burnett, the quarter of ranches, which Marion has overseen since the death of her mother in 1980, plays host to a thriving Quarter Horse operation. An art aficionado, she has served as a trustee at several Fort Worth museums, including the Amon Carter Museum of American Art and the Modern Art Museum.</td>
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<td>Galt Family</td>
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<td>Former Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Commissioner Errol Galt owns the Martinsdale Ranch near the center of the state. Other Galt ranches can be found in Broadwater County, east of Helena along the Missouri River, and Rosebud County to the east of Billings. The family's history remains rooted in ranching. Wellington Rankin, Errol's grandfather, was reportedly Montana's largest private landowner.</td>
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<td>50</td>
<td>Hadley Family</td>
<td>260,035</td>
<td>At 502 square miles, the Diamond A Ranch is a hidden gem tucked away in New Mexico's boot heel. In 1990, owner Pablo Brenner offered The Nature Conservancy the opportunity to buy it for the astronomical sum of $18 million. (Keep in mind that Ted Turner's $21 million purchase of the Flying D the year before was considered absolute madness.) The organization jumped at the opportunity. There was discussion of turning the ranch into a wildlife refuge. Instead, it was sold to Drummond Hadley and his family's Animas Foundation under a conservation easement that banned development but allowed traditional livestock ranching to continue.</td>
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### 51/Coffee Family

**256,000 ACRES**

Siblings Caren Coffee and Bill Coffee, whose forebears include Montana Rodeo Hall of Famer C.M. Coffee, own the COFFEE CATTLE COMPANY outside of Miles City, Montana, with additional properties in Custer and Rosebud counties. Both siblings are active in the financial sector; Bill is chairman and CEO of Stockman Bank while Caren serves as the director of Stockman Financial Corp.

### 52/True Family

**255,000 ACRES**

This Wyoming-based family owns pipeline, trucking, drilling, and other businesses related to oil and gas, but the mainstay of the operation remains TRUE RANCHES. Established in 1957, True Ranches includes seven ranches in Eastern Wyoming that raise Angus, Black Baldy, Charolais, and Hereford. In May, Dave True was elected president of the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees.

### 54/Sanders Family

**250,000 ACRES**

In the years following the Civil War, the Reynoldses began ranching along the Clear Fork of the Brazos River near Fort Griffin, Texas. Brothers George Thomas and William David Reynolds teamed up and registered the Long X brand together. The two cowmen began running their herds in the Davis Mountains of Far West Texas and north to Wyoming, Utah, Montana, Nebraska, the Dakotas, and Canada. Thanks to their ultimate success, they established a base of operations on ranches in Shackelford, Haskell, and Throckmorton counties. In 1884, they incorporated at the First National Bank in Albany. In 1895, they acquired 232,000 acres in Jeff Davis County on which they established the renowned LONG X RANCH. To this day, the brothers' heirs and descendants still own ranches in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Montana, and North Dakota.

### 56/Paul Fireman

**247,500 ACRES**

In 1979, Fireman paid $65,000 to acquire the US distribution rights to a boutique brand of British running shoes named after a small South African antelope. Twenty-six years later, he sold Reebok International (which he had bought outright in 1984) to rival Adidas for $3.8 billion. Clearly, the Massachusetts native has an eye for value. He has applied the same skill set to Nevada’s historic WINECUP GAMBLE RANCH. Established in 1868, the Western landmark had suffered from decades of mismanagement. Fireman purchased it in 1993 for $7 million and has subsequently returned it to top form as a large-scale commercial cattle operation using the same tried-and-true lessons he applied to Reebok. This renaissance is a casebook study of astute investment, leadership development, and team building.
The Kenedy Memorial Foundation’s ranch holdings are situated less than an hour south of Corpus Christi. Patriarch Mifflin Kenedy was a great friend and frequent business partner of Captain Richard King. They shared interests in steamships, ranches, and livestock. The KENEDY RANCH is comprised of four sections and features landscapes ranging from native prairie brush to coastal marshes and shifting sand dunes to serene shoreline.

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57/D.K. Boyd

244,332 ACRES

Over 130 years ago, a pair of entrepreneurs bought 95 sections in the Texas Panhandle to test out a newfangled idea they called barbed-wire fencing. Known today as the FRYING PAN RANCH, it’s owned by D.K. Boyd, a rancher, oilman, and property rights advocate who also owns the LE RANCH in New Mexico. He is a founding officer of the Texas Land & Mineral Owners Association.

58/Riggs Family

241,803 ACRES + 5,486 ACRES

After a stint in the US Army as a mule skinner (someone who drives a mule team), Brannick Riggs headed to California from Texas in 1871 via a wagon trail. The family didn’t make it to the Golden State. Instead, they settled in Cochise County, Arizona, where the descendants of Brannick and Mary Riggs are currently creating a sustainable, 1,088-acre community on their ranch called THE MARE PASTURE.

59/Koch Family

239,000 ACRES

MATADOR CATTLE COMPANY is a division of Koch Industries, a multinational enterprise whose holdings include Koch Pipeline, Koch Fertilizer, and Koch Minerals. The family’s properties were acquired by patriarch Fred Koch between 1941 and 1952, and include Texas’s famed MATADOR RANCH as well as acreage in Kansas and Montana.

60/Nunley Family

232,500 ACRES

Over 80 years ago, legendary Texas cattleman Red Nunley founded the family’s ranching operations in South Texas. Today, his grandsons Richard (who has an economics degree from Southern Methodist University) and Bob (who earned a business degree from Rice University) run NUNLEY BROTHERS RANCHING, which is headquartered on the COYOTE RANCH.

232,262 ACRES

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66/Cassidy Heirs

220,180 ACRES

In his day, Irish immigrant John Cassidy ranked as a true lumber baron, thanks to his extensive timber holdings in Eastern Maine. At the time of his death in 1918, he was also an influential banker with shipping and mining interests. Although Cassidy Timberlands has a small satellite operation in Florida today, most of the family’s holdings are still in Maine.

65/Yates Family

224,000 ACRES

Located in East Texas, the 2,493-acre Barefoot Ranch in Henderson County is a far piece from the family’s traditional New Mexico holdings. The $59.5 million listing now joins the historic Ojo Feliz Ranch, the Atarque Land and Livestock, the Gatano Ranch, and the Cross D Ranches in the Yates’s portfolio.

64/Bidegain Family

225,000 ACRES

Phil Bidegain manages T4 Cattle Company, one of the larger ranches in New Mexico. Son Scott handles the cattle operation, which runs Hereford and Black Baldies. Scott’s brother Donnie concentrates on corn production while overseeing the family farming operation. According to their mother, Laurie, the Quarter Horses that the family raises are not meant to be sold. Instead, they typically remain on the ranch to work the cattle.

63/Brophy Family

228,273 ACRES

This family’s Aztec Land and Cattle Company dates back to 1884. In its heyday, the Northern Arizona ranch encompassed 1 million acres, which were acquired from the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad. Consequently, the acreage was laid out in the traditional checkerboard fashion of federal land grants. Over the years, Aztec’s operating strategy has varied from running cattle to leasing pasturage to selling acreage. According to the company’s website (azteclandco.com), it is now consolidating and acquiring inholdings.

62/Louis Bacon

229,116 ACRES

1,016 ACRES

215,037 ACRES UNDER CONSERVATION EASEMENT

With a focus on enhancing forest health, watershed integrity, coastal and species resilience, and marine protections, conservation philanthropist Louis Bacon directs his time and resources to science-based approaches for natural resource protection. By employing prescribed burning and thinning techniques in North Carolina, Colorado, and New Mexico, Bacon is working to promote healthy and sustainable forests and ensure clean water.

The Moore Charitable Foundation, founded by Bacon in 1992, closely partners with groups such as The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, The Nature Conservancy, and The National Audubon Society on regional conservation initiatives. Work in New Mexico includes improving watersheds through the Rio Grande Water Fund. In North Carolina, work is ongoing to restore and enhance longleaf pine habitat as well as to restore coastal habitats and address threats to the Cape Fear River.

TRINCHERA BLANCA

The Colorado ranch is the largest remaining portion of the million-acre Sangre de Cristo land grant.
67/Scott Family

Homer and Mildred Scott started ranching in 1943 with 300 head on 3,000 acres. Today, their heirs run 10,000 cattle on 475,000 acres (220,000 deeded plus 255,000 leased) that straddle the Montana-Wyoming state line. The family also runs more than 10,000 cattle on private and leased land located in and around Montana’s Crow Indian Reservation.

68/Eugene Gabrych

Gabrych recently added to his California and Nevada holdings by purchasing acreage north of Indio. “I am not a developer,” he told the Desert Sun. “It’s just an investment. I don’t have any plans.” Gabrych owns large tracts in Riverside, San Bernardino, and Imperial counties in addition to the 19,000-acre ROCK SPRINGS RANCH in the shadow of the Sierra Nevadas.

69/Hearst Family

The strategic acquisition of inholdings and adjacent properties has led to a slight increase in acreage for this legendary California landowner. (See Henry Chappell’s profile: “California Grass-Fed & Grass-Finished Beef,” The Land Report, Fall 2014). The family’s California holdings include the 83,000-acre PIEDRA BLANCA RANCHO at San Simeon, the 73,000-acre JACK RANCH near Cholame, and 61,000 acres of timberland in Northern California.

70/East Foundation

Patriarch Tom T. East Sr. (1889–1943) accumulated significant tracts of South Texas rangeland. To honor his legacy, his children created the EAST FOUNDATION, which has become a model of wildlife and rangeland conservation in Jim Hogg, Starr, Willacy, and Kenedy counties.

71/T.R. Miller Family

Alabama’s T.R. MILLER MILL COMPANY was founded in 1872, and that very same sawmill is still in operation in Brewton and is still owned by the Miller family. It produces pine flooring, siding, and pattern products from wood harvested on acreage owned by the family’s CEDAR CREEK LAND & TIMBER.
**72/Gage Heirs**

213,730 ACRES

The heirs of pioneering Texas cattleman Alfred Gage (1860–1928) ranch in Brewster and Presidio counties in the western notch of the state. In the last years of his life, the Vermont native commissioned El Paso architect Henry Trost to design a headquarters for his ranching operation. Thanks to J.P. Bryan, who acquired it in 1978, the historic landmark welcomes guests to the Big Bend as the GAGE HOTEL (gagehotel.com).

**73/Russell Gordy**

212,000 ACRES

This native Houstonian’s original 113-acre Pinney Woods acreage has since grown to more than 8,000 acres. The oil-and-gas entrepreneur also owns the 48,000-acre DOUBLE ARROW RANCH on the Yellowstone River in Montana, an 80,000-acre ranch in Wyoming, and the 19,000-acre LA CENIZA in South Texas. An additional 22,000 acres of timberland in Wisconsin are a more recent addition to his portfolio. Learn more about Gordy and his passion for Best Guns in Henry Chappell’s profile, “Shooting for the Best,” The Land Report, 2018 Texas edition.

**74/Cocanougher Family**

202,000 ACRES

Daniel and Robert Cocanougher own nearly 150,000 acres in Texas with the balance of the acreage north of Fort Worth in Wise County. In addition to their ranches, farms, and feedlots, the brothers’ interests include commercial real estate.

**75/Langdale Company**

200,000 ACRES

This South Arkansas family got its start in the timber industry more than a century ago with a single sawmill in Hopeville. Six generations later, current operations include two pine sawmills, two hardwood sawmills, a hardwood flooring plant, a wood-treating facility, and a hardwood mat facility.

**75/Hunt Oil Company**

200,000 ACRES

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**75/Arthur Nicholas**

200,000 ACRES

Southern California financier Arthur Nicholas purchased an expansive tract along Wyoming’s Laramie Ranch and dubbed it WAGONHOUND LAND AND LIVESTOCK. The farming division concentrates on alfalfa while the ranching operation specializes in Red Angus along with horses that have become American Quarter Horse champions.

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**79/Skiles Family**

**195,000 ACRES**

Veterinarian Clifford Skiles Jr. owns 10 ranches and farms on more than 100,000 acres in Nebraska, Texas, and New Mexico. In 2015, Dr. Skiles and son Trey were honored for their conservation practices on the **SKILES FAMILY BRAZOS RIVER FARM**, where they use pivot irrigation, recycle excess water, and regularly add gypsum to improve soil quality.

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**80/Offutt Family**

**190,000 ACRES**

Founded in 1964, **R.D. OFFUTT FARMS** is a family-owned potato farming operation based in Fargo, North Dakota. The company actively engages research teams at the University of Minnesota and North Dakota State University to develop the most environmentally-friendly practices while maintaining high-quality crops. The Offuts also own **RDO EQUIPMENT CO.**, which sells and services agriculture, construction, environmental, positioning, surveying, and irrigation equipment from manufacturers including John Deere, Vermeer, and Topcon.

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**80/Stewart & Lynda Resnick**

**190,000 ACRES**

A serial entrepreneur, Stewart Resnick has applied his Midas touch to enterprises as varied as janitorial services and burglar alarms and to brands such as Teleflora and the Franklin Mint. In the 1970s, he bought 2,500 acres of oranges and lemons in Kern County that were being fire sold. This was followed by much larger tracts that companies such as Mobil and Prudential Life were eager to sell. Today, the couple’s $4 billion **WONDERFUL COMPANY** produces scores of high-quality, healthy products such as Wonderful Halos Mandarin, Wonderful Pistachios, Wonderful Almonds, and POM Wonderful 100% Pomegranate Juice on their acreage in California and Texas. FIJI Water? Not quite. It’s bottled on the island of Viti Levu.

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**82/Williams Family**

**182,450 ACRES**

Incorporated in 1883, **PITCHFORK RANCH** is 80 miles east of Lubbock but also includes property in Oklahoma’s Jefferson County. In addition to cattle, the family also benefits from substantial mineral revenues. Pitchfork wells have produced millions of barrels of oil. The ranch has long been known for its signature Pitchfork Gray, a charcoal-colored horse with a distinctive black mane.

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**83/Durrett Family**

**182,000 ACRES**

Established by Delmar Durrett, the family’s ranching operation has since been expanded and is run by Robert and Allen Durrett and their children. Based in Amarillo, the Durrett’s run an Angus and Angus cross cow-calf operation in the Texas Panhandle and Eastern New Mexico. Their cattle wear the **HAPPYDDS** brand in Delmar Durrett’s honor.
84/Bridwell Heirs
180,000 ACRES
In the 1920s, Joseph Sterling Bridwell (1885–1966) leased acreage from W.T. Waggoner of Waggoner Ranch fame. His resulting success led to the development of the BRIDWELL OIL COMPANY. At its height, the company owned 700 wells in Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, and Montana. Bridwell also purchased ranches in Archer and Clay counties that carry 6,000 head of livestock.

84/Haynes Family
180,000 ACRES
H.C. HAYNES INC. is a family-owned forest products company based in Maine. The family has been in the timber business for generations. Herbert C. Haynes (1930–2007) learned his trade alongside his father at logging camps Herbert G. ran in the Maine woods. Son Jay Haynes and sisters Ginger and Barbara work at the corporate office in Winn, Maine.

86/Kennedy Family
177,000 ACRES
Peter Maximus Kennedy (1922–2009) shepherded Dominick & Dominick, one of Wall Street’s oldest continuously operated firms, through the bear market of the late 1960s. Its survival was a testament to his leadership. He subsequently formed the family-held Eighteen Seventy Corporation, whose assets include the GI RANCH in the shadow of the Ochoco National Forest some 90 miles east of Bend, Oregon.

87/Micheal Mechenbier
171,923 ACRES
Mehenbier founded 4 DAUGHTERS LAND & CATTLE in 1986, naming the business for the children he raised with his wife, Kathy. The rancher reserves about a quarter of his 330-square-mile ranch in Central New Mexico as a habitat for elk, antelope, foxes, and wild mustangs, which DNA testing indicates descended from the Iberian horses brought to the New World 500 years ago by the Spanish conquistadors.

88/Broadbent Family
170,000 ACRES
With land in Southwest Wyoming, King’s Peak in Utah, and California’s Imperial Valley, the Broadbents have run cattle, sheep, and farming operations for generations. Today, the family specializes in Rambouillet sheep. The family also pursues opportunities in timber, hunting, and wind energy.

88/Perri Family
170,000 ACRES
What’s missing from Northern Arizona’s O RO RANCH? Power lines, paved roads, and mobile phone service. The children of John Irwin II oversee the heritage ranch, where cowboys on horseback keep an eye on some 50,000 cattle wandering the rugged, high-elevation terrain.

90/Sugg Family
166,655 ACRES
Brothers Joel Sugg and Cal Sugg Jr. inherited a cattle business on land soggy with oil. Today, they lease out grazing and mineral rights on ranches near San Angelo, Texas. Joel and his wife are fixtures in Santa Fe where Suzanne has served on the boards of several cultural organizations, including the International Folk Art Market and the Taos Art Museum.

91/Jones Sisters
166,000 ACRES
The late Aaron Jones’s daughters – Becky, Kathy, and Jody – oversee the sawmill business their father established in Lane County, Oregon. The company’s mills are capable of producing more than 650 million board feet per year of premium grade green and dry Douglas fir lumber and studs. The company prides itself on utilizing virtually 100 percent of each log that enters its mills.

92/Cogdell Family
160,000 ACRES
Patriarch D.M. Cogdell bought a yearling stallion and 10 fillies from King Ranch nearly seven decades ago, the origins of a prestigious breeding program that remains widely admired today. Cogdell’s four children, Penny, Rank, Dick, and Jim, continue their father’s legacy as co-owners of the historic TULE RANCH, a cattle-and-hay outfit in the Texas Panhandle.

92/Fanful Family
160,000 ACRES
After fleeing Castro’s Cuba, the Fanjul brothers founded FLORIDA CRYSTALS in Palm Beach County. CEO Alfonso Fanjul and COO Pepe Fanjul own two sugar mills and a sugar refinery along with the brands Domino and C&H. Florida Crystals remains the only producer of certified organic sugar. Earlier this year, the brothers were inducted into the Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame.
The historic JA Ranch was established in the Texas Panhandle just months after the end of the Red River War.

94/JA Ranch Heirs
158,500 ACRES
The oldest continuously operated family cattle ranch in the Texas Panhandle, the JA RANCH was established in 1876 by Cornelia and John Adair (whose initials give the ranch its name) in partnership with former Texas Ranger Charles Goodnight. Today, the JA Ranch is overseen by a management team comprised of Cornelia W. “Ninia” Ritchie, Andrew Bivins, Dale Smith, and Jay O’Brien. Bivins received the 2013 Lone Star Land Steward Award from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Foundation in recognition for his efforts to enhance the ranch’s ecosystem by using GPS technology in processes such as rotational grazing and prescribed burning.

95/Reese Family
152,500 ACRES
What started over a century ago as the family’s 320-acre Wyoming homestead is now the vibrant, ever-expanding ROCKIN’ 7 RANCH. The most recent acquisitions include WALKER CREEK. "Walker Creek has excellent improvements, great grass, and abundant wildlife, so it fit nicely with our cattle and outfitting operations," says Brad Reese. “Pin Top is contiguous to our existing ranch on two sides, plus it has a unique needle-point mountain that is a visible landmark for 50 miles around.”

96/McCoy & Remme Ranches
152,000 ACRES
Emmett McCoy, founder of MccoY’S BUILDING SUPPLY, pieced together the family’s ranches in the Trans-Pecos region of Far West Texas in the 1980s and 1990s. Today, the Black Angus cow-calf operation is owned and managed by his heirs, son-in-law Kaare Remme and son Brian McCoy, the CEO of McCoy’s Building Supply.

98/Eddy Family
150,000 ACRES
John Eddy headed west from Michigan in 1902, investing in a sawmill on Bainbridge Island the following year. His descendants today run PORT BLAKELY, which oversees timberland operations throughout Washington and Oregon. Each of the company’s three divisions recently received new names: US Forestry, NZ Forestry, and PLS International. Port Blakely’s commitment to environmental stewardship remains unchanged.

98/Green Family
150,000 ACRES
The descendants of William Henry Green maintain a distinguished ranching legacy in and around Albany, Texas, “Home of the Hereford.” Each May, the family hosts Polo on the Prairie at their LAZY 3 RANCH. Established in 1987, the crowd-pleasing event has raised more than $6.5 million for cancer research and patient programs to benefit The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.