



**Ranchers
Stewardship Alliance**

MISSION STATEMENT

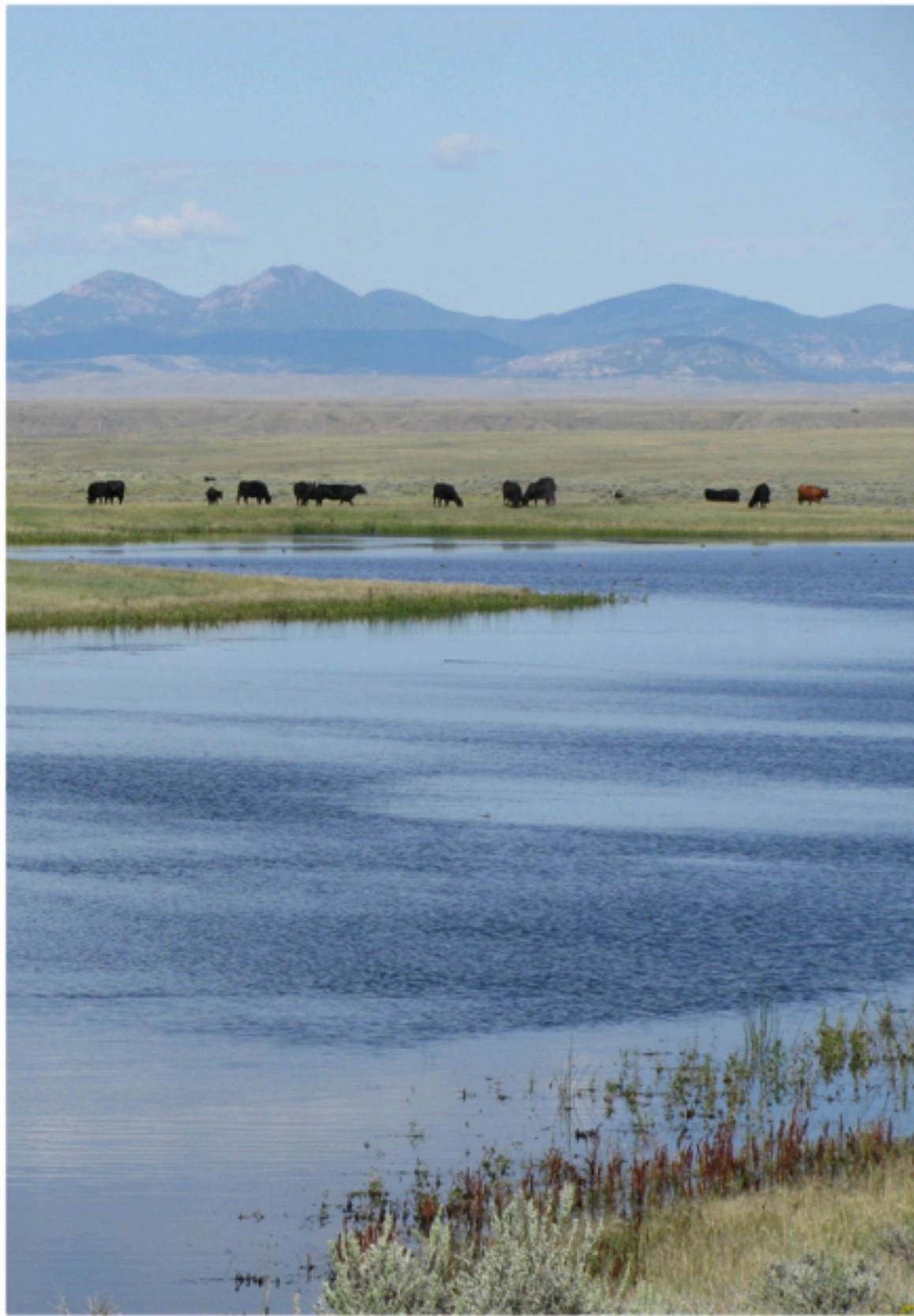
RANCHING, CONSERVATION, COMMUNITIES –
A WINNING TEAM!



VISION



- * Nationally recognized for our leadership in building cooperative coalitions.
 - * Lead by example to develop and foster partnerships.
 - * Provide education and assistance to landowners.
 - * Support vibrant rural communities, multi-generation family ranches and healthy ecosystems.
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WHO WE ARE!

- * A rancher led conservation organization & a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.
- * Headquartered in north-central Montana.
- * Grassroots organization began in 2003 when a group of 30 ranch families came together to resolve common problems.
- * Committed to strengthening our rural community, our culture, and the revered ecosystem we call home.
- * Promote wise stewardship of the grass land prairies that is our home and often a mix of private, public and tribal lands.



WHAT WE DO!

- * Build partnerships that provide education and tools for developing stewardship practices and principles.
- * Sponsor educational workshops and tours.
- * Assist landowners in developing practices that enhance their grass management skills while improving bird and wildlife habitat.
- * Bring all people together to make our community, our ranches and our open spaces healthy and strong.

*“I turn grass into steak,
what is your super power?”*



WHAT WE DO!

- * Nurture the next generation.
- * Produce food and fiber for the world.
- * Improve the conservation practices learned and honed over the past century.
- * Maintain our successful ranching heritage thus sustaining our community.



PARTNERSHIPS

- * The Nature Conservancy
- * Montana Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program
- * National Fish and Wildlife Federation
- * World Wildlife Fund
- * Malta Chamber of Commerce
- * Phillips County Economic Development



TNC provides their facilities
and land for joint tours and workshops.
Lend expertise when requested.



Granted to RSA \$300,000 which will allow us to assist landowners to develop and/or enhance grazing systems and restore native pasture for the benefit of livestock, wildlife and birds.



Provided matching grant funds and expertise totaling \$110,000 to compliment the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant.



Grant funding to continue our efforts to sustain ranch families & our intact grassland prairie.

Find out more about their sustainable ranching initiative at

<https://www.worldwildlife.org/projects/sustainable-ranching-initiative>



Partnered to develop training opportunities for all area board members and to foster increased communication among all nonprofits in Phillips County.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



- * Sponsor Phillips County Proud - a community celebration of our heritage, community, and ranching.
 - * Sponsor workshops on topics such as estate planning, grassland monitoring, and low stress livestock handling.
 - * Hosted a tour in conjunction with National Cattlemen's Beef Association and World Wildlife Fund on "Innovating for More Sustainable Beef."
 - * Partnered to create the first Weed Prevention Area (WPA) in the United States.
 - * With partners, RSA secured a \$671,000+ grant from the USDA under the Community Conservation Project Initiative (CCPI) to enhance wildlife habitat for Phillips County.
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WILDLIFE/BIRD CONSERVATION EFFORTS



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Assisted and/or encouraged landowners in the following:

- * Installation of fence modifications to allow migrating pronghorn to pass through.
- * Marking fences to reduce sage-grouse collisions.
- * Voluntary retention of prairie dog colonies.
- * Wetland retention and restoration plus native grassland restoration.
- * Control of noxious weeds and non-native grasses.
- * Implementation of grazing systems to improve rangeland cover for nesting grouse and songbirds.

Donation information

*Your contribution to the Ranchers Stewardship Alliance
will assist our grassland communities to maintain open spaces,
improve wildlife habitat, and produce food and fiber.*



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Questions?
