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## My Fellow Americans:

It took a while – many moons, in fact – but the U.S. housing market is finally showing signs of life.

This summer, home prices made their largest quarterly jump since 2004, according to the analysts at Freddie Mac. (OK – most of us have learned our lesson and know better than to trust numbers from either Freddie or Fannie, but other sources confirm this spike.) Per *The Wall*



*Street Journal*, this upward trend is a function of a highly sophisticated concept known as supply and demand; specifically, the shortage of homes currently available for sale. And that can be linked directly to the lack of new construction these past few years. One final driver: record-low interest rates. Consider the effects of 3.55%, 30-year fixed-rate mortgages on the current housing market and a single solitary question should emerge: when are prices for timber and timberland going to make their move? We'll be following that story at [Land Report.com](http://LandReport.com) and in upcoming issues of the Magazine of the American Landowner.

All the Best!

Eric O'Keefe, Editor & Broker

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## LAND REPORT TOP TEN

AMERICA'S LEADING INVESTMENT  
QUALITY RURAL LAND LISTINGS

1. *Broken O Ranch (Montana):*  
\$132.5 million
2. *Walton Ranch:*  
\$100 million
3. *Broken O Ranch (Texas):*  
\$81 million
4. *Rancho Dos Pueblos:*  
\$79 million
5. *Dillingham Ranch:*  
\$65 million
5. *Sagg Pond Estate:*  
\$65 million
7. *Big Creek Ranch:*  
\$59.9 million
8. *Swain's Neck:*  
\$59 million
9. *Hana Ranch:*  
\$55 million
10. *Rockpile Ranch:*  
\$54.5 million

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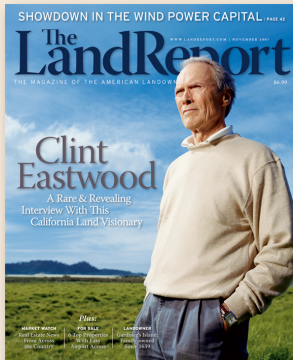
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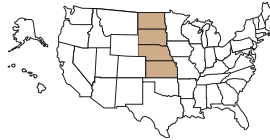


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GREAT PLAINS

AUCTION

## Nebraska Quality Pastureland

### ALMOST 900 ACRES IN CUSTER COUNTY.

Located northwest of Eddyville, this well-maintained quality pastureland sits in the heart of Middle America and has been carefully managed by the Peterman family for over half a century. Four windmill wells, two cisterns, a dam, and several dugouts nurture livestock and abundant wildlife. Other improvements include corrals and half a mile of brand new five-wire fence. The 893.6 acres will be auctioned on September 10 in Eddyville by Marshall Land Broker & Auctioneers of Kearney. Read more [HERE](#).



WEST

AUCTION

## Wyoming Cattle Country

### SNOWY RANGE RANCH OUTSIDE OF LARAMIE.

Hall & Hall has teamed up with James Rinehart Western United Realty to auction the 28,811-acre Snowy Range Ranch on August 23 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Laramie. Rich in history yet close to the college town of Laramie, this iconic ranch was settled during the days of the Wyoming Territory and has long been recognized for its range of resources. The auction will include 16 tracts ranging in size from 240 acres to 7,624 acres. Read more [HERE](#).

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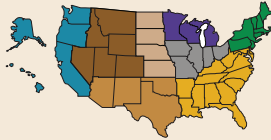
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## NATIONAL PARKS



### UNITED STATES

**SO MANY NATIONAL PARKS – SO MANY INHOLDINGS.** America's 397 national parks encompass more than 84 million acres. Not included in that total are some 2.7 million acres of inholdings, privately owned parcels located within park boundaries. To remedy this situation, Congress established the Land and Water Conservation Fund in 1964 to acquire select tracts. By 2002, the fund was paying out \$637.9 million for acquisitions by federal and state land agencies. This year, however, the fund was cut to \$322.8 million, which left the National Park Service \$57 million to fulfill its \$500 million wish list. According to *The Wall Street Journal*, House Republicans want further cutbacks. The Obama administration is calling for an increase to \$450 million. Read more [HERE](#).



### SOUTHWEST

#### BROKERAGES

## Sotheby's International Realty

### KUPER SIR TO EXPAND INTO AUSTIN.

Kuper Sotheby's International Realty is building on its well-established San Antonio base by merging with Capital City Sotheby's International Realty out of Austin. The new firm boasts an impressive list of [farm and ranch listings](#) in the Texas Hill Country and South Texas. CEO Rick Kuper will be the broker of record for both the San Antonio and the Austin offices. The three partners in the Austin firm, Doug and Mary Land and Jonathan Creath, will continue in management roles. The merger was announced in mid July. Read more [HERE](#).



### SOUTH

#### FOR SALE

## Florida Equestrian Property

### \$47.25 MILLION ASK FOR 1,757-ACRE HOBE SOUND POLO CLUB.

More than \$20 million has been invested in developing this strategically located facility, which sits north of Palm Beach off I-95. The polo club's centerpiece is a 120-acre equestrian complex that includes five regulation polo fields, two stick and ball fields, barns, and outbuildings. Numerous development scenarios present themselves, ranging from an equestrian community to a wildlife sanctuary. Ken Meierling at Engel & Volkers in Jupiter has the listing. Read more [HERE](#).

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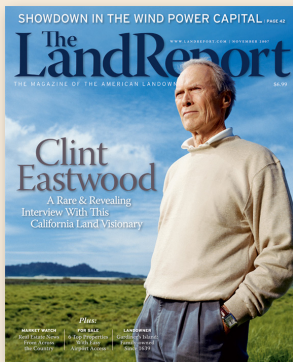
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BANKRUPTCY AUCTION

## Florida Equestrian Property

### OCALA'S SOVEREIGN OAKS ON BLOCK

**AUGUST 24.** This 119± acre horse farm features extensive improvements, including a corporate office, a 3-bedroom/ 2-bath newly renovated guest house, a 6-stall stallion barn with breeding shed and office/apartment, an 18-stall custom show stable with apartment, an 18-stall wood barn with air-conditioned tack room, saddling station and arena, a 60-foot covered round pen with viewing stand, and a workshop/garage with three large open bays and two smaller bays with garage doors. Sovereign Oaks features brand new fencing, a gated entrance, two wells, and two ponds. Bidders can participate onsite or online. Contact Joan Pletcher for property information at (352) 266-9100 or Doug Dennison at Rowell Realty & Auction for auction details at (904) 325-3020.



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