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My Fellow Americans:

Last week, at a press conference in Dallas, we revealed our annual rundown of America's leading landowners. There were plenty of new names, major changes, and intriguing acquisitions. For the second year in a



row, Fay Ranches is the exclusive sponsor of The Land Report 100. Given the amount of one-on-one contact that Greg Fay and his team at Fay Ranches have with our nation's leading landowners, it's a perfect partnership.

"At a time when finding a place to put cash has become increasingly tough, once again land is the savvy play," Greg says. "Today's ranch investor understands the importance and interconnectivity of agricultural production, healthy ecosystems, and quality recreation and how it affects value better than anyone." Click **HERE** to download a complete copy of the 2012 Land Report 100 sponsored by Fay Ranches.

All the Best!

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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 - SOLD!
- **10. Rockpile Ranch:** \$54.5 million

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BACON'S LEADERSHIP SPURS CREATION OF

NEW REFUGE. Thanks to the donation of a 77,000-acre conservation easement in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains by Land Report 100er Louis Bacon, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar was able to announce the establishment of the Sangre de Cristo Conservation Area as the nation's 558th unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System. "Following in the footsteps of our greatest conservationists, Louis Bacon's generosity and passion for the great outdoors is helping us to establish an extraordinary conservation area in one of our nation's most beautiful places," Salazar said. Bacon's Trinchera Blanca Ranch is the largest contiguous, privately owned ranch in Colorado. Read more **HERE**.







Farmland

MINNESOTA AG LAND TOPS \$14,000

PER ACRE. The 336-acre estate of Kenneth Mueller sold for an average of \$8,200 per acre at auction (\$2.75 million total), including equipment, machinery, and crops. Alvin Kohner and Sons oversaw the sale. One 27-acre tract north of I-90

near Wilson averaged \$14,000 per acre. By comparison, in 2011, the market for productive farmland in Winona County topped out at \$7,500 to \$8,000 per acre. Read more **HERE**.



RECREATION

Duck Hunting

PRAIRIE WINGS OFFERED FOR SALE OR MEMBERSHIP ACQUISTION. Founded in 1948, Prairie Wings Duck Club averages more 2,500 harvested ducks per year. Located in Arkansas southwest of Stuttgart and adjacent to the Bayou Meto Wildlife Management Area, Prairie Wings

consists of 1,650 acres: 1,130 of mature hardwoods, 464 cultivated for rice and soybeans, and 56 acres of improvements such as the spacious lodge, equipment storage sites, levees, bayous, and roads. Contact Lile Real Estate at 501-374-3411 or read more **HERE**.



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UNITED STATES

HUNTING AND FISHING NUMBERS END DECADES-

LONG DECLINE. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's 2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation indicates that the number of hunters increased by 9 percent nationwide from the previous survey in 2006. Angler numbers grew by 11 percent. All told, more than one-third of all Americans participated in wildlife-related recreation in 2011, an increase of 2.6 million participants. Their \$145 billion in expenditures represents 1 percent of the nation's gross domestic product (GDP) and includes licenses, tags, gear, travel costs, land leases, and land ownership. Read more HERE.



Old West Cattle Ranch

SNOWY RANGE RANCH GINS \$10+

MILLION. On August 23, 48 bidders from 4 states snapped up 15 of 17 tracts associated with this legacy property. Parcel size ranged from 25 to 7,624 acres. "Snowy Range Ranch was one of those once-in-a-generation Wyoming auctions," said

Scott Shuman of Hall and Hall Auctions. "It is an incredibly productive ranch for cattle and equine operations, and the wildlife is as good as it gets." Snowy Range was marketed by Western United Realty and Hall and Hall Auctions.



FOR SALE

Big Horn Basin Ranch

ROME HILL RANCH COMES TO MARKET FOR \$15 MILLION. Located in the Big Horn Mountains of Wyoming's Washakie County, these 20,000+ acres include 9,342 deeded and feature a variety of creeks and rivers ideal for raising livestock. Seven miles of Spring Creek – all private

– teem with brown, cutthroat, and brook trout. Large herds of elk, mule deer, and antelope call Spring Creek home. In 2010, a game warden reportedly counted more than 1,200 elk on the property. Listed with Live Water Properties. Read more **HERE**.



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