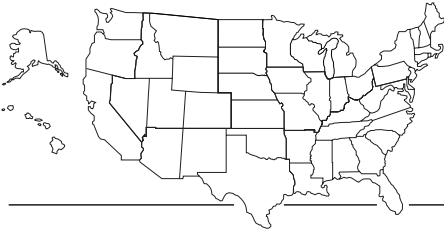


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## America's Leading Landowners Add More Than 1 Million Acres to Their Portfolios

**Brand-new edition of the [Land Report 100](#) includes five new landowners, one returnee, and more than 2,000 additional square miles to the tally.**

Cable industry pioneers **John Malone** and **Ted Turner** top our updated list of the nation's largest landowners with 2.2 million acres and 2 million acres, respectively. **California's Emmerson family** is a close third with 1.956 million acres of timberland owned in California and Washington and held by Sierra Pacific Industries. Other leading landowners include the **King Ranch Heirs**, who rank tenth nationwide with more than 900,000 acres including the birthplace of American ranching, and Amazon founder **Jeff Bezos**, who ranks twenty-eighth. Bezos uses his 420,000-acre Texas ranch to launch and land reusable rockets associated with his Blue Origin spaceflight services company. Read the complete Land Report 100 sponsored by LandLeader [HERE](#).



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## BANKRUPTCY



### SOUTHWEST

#### COURT APPROVES SALE OF WEST TEXAS RANCH AT \$1,007 PER DEEDED ACRE.

Judge Mark Mullin of the US Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas approved the sale of the KC7 Ranch to Paul Foster of El Paso for \$32.5 million. The 37,847-acre property, which sits 190 miles east of El Paso, includes 5,579 leased acres and 32,268 deeded acres. The KC7 Ranch was previously listed for \$52 million with [James Sammons](#) on Briggs Freeman Sotheby's International Real Estate. "It's a good ranch, he likes it, and it was a good price," said William Kell in an interview with the *El Paso Times*. Kell is a vice president at Franklin Mountain Management, a company that manages many of Foster's real estate holdings. Read more [HERE](#).



### PACIFIC

## LAND REPORT 100

### CALIFORNIA FARMLAND

#### STEWART AND LYNDA RESNICK JOIN LAND REPORT 100 AT N° 80.

Stewart Resnick has applied his Midas touch to enterprises as varied as janitorial services and burglar alarms. In addition, he has acquired and upgraded brands such as Teleflora and the Franklin Mint. In the process, he has turned them into cash cows. In the 1970s, the Los Angeleno bought 2,500 acres of oranges and lemons in Kern County east of Los Angeles that were being fire saled. This initial acquisition was followed by much larger tracts that companies such as Mobil and Prudential Life were eager to get off their books. Today, the couple's \$4 billion Wonderful Company produces scores of high-quality, healthy products such as Wonderful Halos Mandarins, Wonderful Pistachios, Wonderful Almonds, and POM Wonderful 100% Pomegranate Juice on their acreage, which is primarily in California (180,000 acres) with some minor Texas holdings (10,000 acres). Read more [HERE](#).

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### NEW MEXICO RANGLAND

**HADLEY FAMILY RANKS N° 50 ON LAND REPORT 100, THANKS TO**

**DIAMOND A RANCH.** Formerly known as the Gray Ranch, the 260,000-acre Diamond

A Ranch in Hidalgo County is a hidden gem tucked away in New Mexico's boot heel along the Mexico border. In 1990, owner Pablo Brenner offered The Nature Conservancy the opportunity to buy the cattle operation for the astronomical price 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 to preserve its significant ecological features, which include the Animas Mountains and the Playas Valley. Initially, there was discussion of turning the ranch into a federal wildlife refuge. Instead, The Nature Conservancy sold it to Drummond Hadley and his family's Animas Foundation under a conservation easement that banned development but allowed traditional livestock ranching to continue. Read more [HERE](#).

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**TEXAS AND NEW MEXICO RANGLAND**

**ZANE AND TANYA KIEHNE DEBUT AT N° 31 ON LAND REPORT 100.** 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 in 1994 acquired the Kyle Ranch in Loving County, Texas. A native Texan, Tanya Kiehne grew up in Pecos where she worked for the Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency until the family's ranches required her full-time attention. Their Z&T Holdings includes ranches in seven Texas counties as well as seven counties in New Mexico. 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. Read more [HERE](#).

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