

Bitterroot Ranch

2018 Landowner of the Year - Lander Region



The Bitterroot Ranch is a 2,150 acre ranch split between locations near Dubois and Riverton. Bayard Fox, his wife Mel, along with their son Richard and daughter-in-law Hadley operate this unique ranch that blends a working cattle ranch and dude ranch that provides important wildlife habitat and world class horse riding experiences for their guests. Their ranch provides excellent habitat for Yellowstone cutthroat trout, pronghorn, mule deer, elk, moose, waterfowl, and other wildlife. Grizzly bears and wolves also frequent the Dubois ranch.

Since 1971, Bayard and family have been operating the Bitterroot Ranch as a working guest ranch giving people from around the World a unique experience participating in cattle drives and the work involved in western ranching.

The East Fork that flows through their property and adjoining lands support a robust population of Yellowstone cutthroat trout along with other species such as mountain whitefish. Over the past 6 years, Bitterroot Ranch has been very engaged and active improving aquatic habitats to support this important fishery.

Once autumn's colors disappear and the Ranch's cattle and horse herds have been rounded-up from the Dubois country, they head to 1,522 acres near Pavillion that provides the forage needed during the cold winter months to sustain the herds. This low land ground also provides a smorgasbord for pronghorn, mule deer, and waterfowl throughout the calendar year with irrigated hay fields, wet meadows, and wetland areas.

Bitterroot Ranch's dedication to sustain quality wildlife and fisheries habitat, their cooperation with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, and their overall love of wildlife and open spaces proves they are well deserving of this award.

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