

Madera County Family Ranch Conserved Forever

A ranching family sleeps easy knowing that at least one worry has been put to rest forever. The urban development pressures felt throughout the state on our private rangelands are no longer a problem for this Madera County Ranch.

On May 3, 2007 the Van Alen Ranch conservation easement was recorded, forever preserving a family's way of life, a piece of California's western heritage, tremendous habitat resources and spectacular oak woodlands. This transaction fulfills the desire of the Van Alen Ranch owners to keep the land as a ranch in perpetuity.

"We are so glad to have preserved this property for our children and their grandchildren to continue our family legacy. To know that a lifestyle started by our family over a hundred years ago will be preserved, is fulfilling," said Shana Van Alen -Tomlinson.

To the families that own this ranch it is not just a cattle ranch, but rather a little haven from the rest of the world. It has served as the picnic grounds for family functions, a place all the kids learn to fish and a place they can escape the everyday world.

Larry Schemel is the great-nephew of Fred Preuschoff, who lived at the ranch until the mid 1950's. "As a kid I'd hike to the top of Kennedy Table at night, and the valley would be mostly dark. Now all you see are lights, and they are moving closer. Completion of this easement means the ranch will be protected from development that is overtaking the foothills," said Larry.

This ranch has been like another family member to those who live and work there, and none of the family would ever want it sold, cut up or developed. When a local

cattle rancher and friend told the Van Alen Ranch owners about the California Rangeland Trust, "we knew it would be the perfect partnership to ensure protection of our ranch for years to come," said Shana.

Critical Preservation

The Van Alen Ranch was historically known as the Preuschoff Ranch, established by Joseph 'Pop' Preuschoff, in the early 1900's. The current landowners are the great-grandchildren of Pop Preuschoff and continue his legacy in ranching.

Near North Fork and not far from the urban pressures of the City of Fresno the Van Alen Ranch has been facing what many ranchers in California do today, the pressure to sell to developers. Folks are spreading out from the city centers and new two, five, ten and forty acre parcels now line the road to the country.

Identified as an urgent priority for conservation, the Van Alen Ranch sits among hillsides that abound in fragmented ranchettes seriously diminishing the value of the habitats and viewsheds. With 72% of this pristine ranch being oak woodlands and blue oak foothill pines, it was not only the vernal pools and open rangeland that needed protection.

The Ranch is studded with oak trees on rolling hills, and lies at the heart of the Kennedy Table, one of the most unique and prominent geological features in California's Sierra Foothills. Speckled with wildflowers, grasses and vernal pools, the land provides essential habitats for a diverse abundance of fish, wildlife and plants species. The preservation of this property provides a significant component for the protection of the San Joaquin River Watershed and the maintenance of important wildlife corridors. Protection of



Old Preuschoff Family Ranch Photo: LtoR Fred Preuschoff, Fred Van Alen, Mary Van Alen, George Shannon, Barton MacLane, Charlotte MacLane, Lorraine Schemel and Joe Van Alen

this biologically rich land, with its strategic location to other protected lands coupled with its significant size, provides essential landscape connectivity.

"California Rangeland Trust is proud to complete its first project in Madera County," said Steve McDonald, board member of the Rangeland Trust and a local rancher from Sanger, California. "This agreement will enable the next generation of ranchers to continue in the business, while keeping most of their property rights. We look forward to working with them and helping other ranchers for many years to come."

The California Wildlife Conservation Board provided a grant to the Rangeland Trust for the project through the Oak Woodlands Grant Program. "This is a spectacular property and the first project we funded in Madera County under the Oak Woodlands Conservation Program. We are delighted to continue working with the California Rangeland Trust to conserve a ranch with

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Director's Message



BACK AT THE RANCH

BY DARRELL WOOD, CHAIRMAN

Our family started in the cattle business back in 1865 in Lassen County. We are still ranching here today and when I look out at the land my ancestors worked I see the influence of their management all around me. The best part of this is now my children can look around and see the same thing. My son Ramsey and daughter Dallice are 6th generation ranchers in this part of the county.

Some things have changed here at the ranch since back then but many things remain the same. We run in similar country as we did in the mid 1800's and we fortunately still own some of the same land. The differences now are that we ship cattle to annual grass country in the Sacramento Valley and therefore do not winter cattle up north anymore.

In the past, genetics were not a factor that my ancestors looked at closely. They typically looked for bulls that were nearby for ease of transportation or they would simply keep back the biggest bull calf and use him. Simply getting calves on the ground was the main objective.

Our operation today is very focused on our genetic program and the careful selection of those animals that will meet our family's and the consumer's standards for quality. Currently we select bulls with higher than average scores in traits such as marbling, rib-eye size and early maturing cattle. With our grass-fed beef business we need to focus on the traits that will maximize our resources and the time it takes to finish cattle on a strictly grass based diet.

I get a little teary eyed when I think about the first time each of my kids told me they wanted to come back to the ranch after college. Ramsey was a junior in college at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo and he called and said he wanted to come home and be a partner in the family business. Dallice went to Chico State and during an internship with a prominent pharmaceutical company she said in no uncertain terms that she wanted to come back too!

I think if our ancestors were here to see where we have come and see where my children want to take us, they would be tremendously pleased. My children look at the land and see the stewardship our forefathers gave it and they want to continue those practices.

Recently, our family was fortunate enough to buy another place close by and now my son and daughter are working with my wife and I to fix it up. We hope to manage it in the same ways that have been passed down to us. Our kids have taken a keen interest in our grass-fed beef program and they want to work to take it to the next level. Having these discussions with my children, there are not words to describe how it feels to have them come home.


My wife, Callie, and I look at what our kids are doing and think 'this is a dream come true.' A mother and father always want their kids to come home but we never wanted to push them. We are proud to see our children grow up with a strong work ethic, they are able to finish a project they started. Ramsey and Dallice have helped us build this business and so they have a sense of pride and ownership in its future.

I do not think that people have to own a ranch or have kids to bring back to the ranch to support what the California Rangeland Trust is doing. I was attracted to the easements and the Rangeland Trust's concept because I have always been worried about the future of ranching and our families.

It is one thing to protect a ranch for a family presently ranching, but it is another thing to protect it for the ranching families of the future. I want to preserve this opportunity for others as well. Conservation easements are a viable tool to help our industry stay strong and growing.

The California Rangeland Trust has the unique opportunity to help preserve California by keeping our private land owners on the land so they maintain their stewardship responsibilities for the next generation and the general public. I am so proud to be a part of CRT in a leadership role. I look forward to watching us grow and see ranchers stay profitable down the line to see their next generation and potentially someone else's succeed.

There are many indirect benefits to our state from the conservation of private rangelands. Protecting these environments ensures clean water, the maintenance of rangeland resources, intact wildlife corridors and allows California to continue to look like the California we grew up in. Keeping ranching families in business and on the land keeps conservation management going and that helps California.

As my kids prepare to take our ranching operation to the next level, I look forward to watching them grow into the stewards of the land that my ancestors taught me to be. 



MARK NELSON ELECTED DIRECTOR AT LARGE

California Rangeland Trust welcomes new board member Mark Nelson of Wilton. Mark, along with his wife and son, owns Five Star Land & Livestock, an Angus seedstock producer located in Wilton, CA. They have successfully shown Angus cattle on a national and state level. Mark's ranching and professional background will serve the Rangeland Trust well in a diverse and growing state like California.

"I have always had a strong feeling about protecting the ranching industry in California and I am committed to this endeavor. I see the Rangeland Trust as the vehicle for our next generation to succeed their parents in this business and to carry on this way of life," states Mark.

His commitment is evident as he has been the President of California Cattlemen's Association (CCA), the Western States Angus Association and has served as the Chairman of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association Membership Committee. Additionally, Mark has served in various roles with CCA.

Mark has been a successful real estate developer completing major residential subdivisions, office parks, retail projects and the Elk Grove Auto Mall. Mark is also a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers. He started the Sacramento Commercial Bank and was Vice Chairman for 12 years. 


CRT Updates

CRT BOARD CHAIRMAN RECEIVES FEDERAL WETLANDS CONSERVATION AWARD

Darrell Wood of Pete's Creek Partnership, one of the founding ranches of Panorama Meats, Inc., the Angus grass-fed beef company based in Vina, Calif., has received one of three 2006 National Wetlands Conservation Awards from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

Wood received the award for his management of the Pete's Creek Wetland and Riparian Restoration Project on 1,262 acres of the partnership's ranch, located in Lassen County just north of Susanville, Calif. This land was also certified as organic grazing land for Panorama Grass-Fed Beef® cattle in July 2006.

Wood is a fifth-generation California cattle rancher whose family has been grazing cattle on this land almost continually since the late 1800s.


He is President of Panorama Meats, Inc. and is one of 43 family ranchers that raise Panorama Grass-Fed Beef, which is sold at Whole Foods Markets in Northern California, Oregon and Washington, and at 188 Trader Joe's stores in the Western U.S. More information about Panorama Meats can be found at www.panoramameats.com. 

CRT DONATES \$2,500 TO THREE FUTURE AGRICULTURAL LEADERS

The Fresno-Kings Counties Cattlewomen has awarded scholarships to local area students annually for 31 years. This year the Rangeland Trust donated \$2,500 to the program which funded three scholarships to worthy students. The three recipients are Brian Fagundes and Julie Rose from Hanford High School and Matthew Dufur from Lemoore High School.

The Fresno-Kings Cattlewomen's Scholarship Chairman, Brooke Prewitt of Sanger said, "all three students have outstanding grade point averages, community involvement and the passion to promote and educate about the issues and values of agriculture. We are tremendously thankful for the Rangeland Trust's generous donation."

Brian plans to continue his education at Humboldt State studying Natural Resources with an emphasis in Wildlife Management and Conservation Biology. Julie will attend CSU Fresno to major in Agricultural Business with a minor in Agricultural Communications. Matthew plans to become an agronomist, continuing his education at CSU Fresno.

From the proceeds at the Trust's annual fundraising event, "A Western Affair on the River", held June 3, 2006 at the Harris River Ranch, the Trust was able to provide the funds for the scholarship program to the local Cattlewomen. "Supporting the local ranching community like they support us is the mission of our organization and we are proud to extend this support to the youth," said Nita Vail, Executive Director of CRT. 

MAKING PRESERVATION AS ACCOUNTABLE AS GRAZING

BY DAN DAGGET, AUTHOR OF *GARDENERS OF EDEN, REDISCOVERING OUR IMPORTANCE TO NATURE AND BEYOND THE RANGELAND CONFLICT, TOWARD A WEST THAT WORKS*

Today, just about anything you do to manage the land requires an environmental statement, study, or review of some kind. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the flagship of environmental laws, requires that all actions involving public resources, which are likely to have a significant impact on the environment, be subject to a “hard look,” and any negative impacts this hard look turns up may have to be “mitigated” before said action can be chosen over less impactful alternatives.

All sorts of activities are subject to this “NEPA review”—watershed management, reintroducing native species, even conducting military exercises, and, of course, cattle grazing. Although NEPA was passed to deal with public lands, it applies on private lands as well in cases where public resources such as endangered species or public funds are involved.

In spite of the apparent comprehensive nature of this law and the state laws patterned after it, there is one management practice that not only doesn't receive a hard look, it frequently receives no look at all. Even though the impacts of this overlooked activity can be significant, in some cases disastrous, those impacts are not considered in the decision making process, and for the same reason they are never mitigated. Because state environmental laws mimic federal law, state government is subject to this same blindness.

The land management practice to which I'm referring goes by a variety of names—protection, preservation, rest.... No matter what you call it, it amounts to the restriction (and even cessation) of human manipulation of the land and its resources for utilitarian purposes. The reason this sort of management gets a free pass from NEPA is because most of us don't consider protection to be “management.” The great majority of Americans, including quite a few who are ranchers, consider human use of the land to be at best a necessary evil. Under this assumption the most effective way to heal the land is to use it less. Take that to its obvious extreme, and the best thing for the land is to leave it alone entirely—return it to “nature.” From this it's pretty easy to derive that leaving the land alone has no negative effects, so a NEPA review

would turn up nothing, so why do it. And since there are no negative effects there's nothing to mitigate, so scratch that, too.

There's plenty of evidence of the negative impacts of rest. For me, one of the most dramatic is the Drake Enclosure in the Verde River watershed about a 100 miles north of Phoenix. The Drake has been removed from utilitarian use (in this case cattle grazing) since 1947. During the 60 years this land has been “healing” 90% of the plant species that existed in it when it was enclosed have died out. Outside the enclosure, where the land continues to be grazed, most of those same species are still present. The part of the enclosure that has been most completely protected resembles a parking lot. Outside the enclosure there are grasses, trees, and forbs.

Not too far from the Drake, along the Verde River, cattle grazing was removed in 1997 to protect the riparian habitat in order to ensure the survival of a threatened fish (the spikedace). Constant monitoring has detected no spikedace in the river since that same year. In contrast, on the Gila River in southwestern New Mexico where cattle continue to graze, spikedace are abundant.

Also abundant along that same stretch of the Gila is an endangered bird, the southwestern willow flycatcher. In fact, The U-Bar Ranch hosts one of the largest known populations of southwestern willow flycatchers. Two adjacent preserves support none.

Cattle grazing isn't the only form of use that can have this beneficial impact. Hunting, gathering, and harvesting of various plants and animals can do the same. And so can other forms of agriculture. On the Hawaiian island of Kauai farming was removed from the Hanalei Valley to benefit native birds. When bird populations began to suffer, farming was restored and the birds came back.

Closer to home (and back to the subject of rangelands) a study by Jaymee Marty has shown that, in Central California, “grazing helped maintain native plant and aquatic diversity in vernal pools.” Marty found that



One of the most dramatic examples of the negative impact of removing ranching from the land is the Drake Enclosure in Arizona

as few as three years of rest could make these concentrations of native diversity and endangered species vulnerable to invasion by nonnative plants and cause them to dry up before the rare animals that inhabit them could complete a lifecycle.

Ms. Marty works for The Nature Conservancy. Her study has played a major role in inspiring a number of environmental groups to join the CRT and the California Cattlemen's Association in signing on to The California Rangeland Resolution. This resolution, signed on to by over sixty organizations, acknowledges the value of ranching and the type of management it includes to environmental resources such as vernal pools and open space in the Central Valley.

This resolution represents a breakout. Many of us have known for a long time that ranching and cattle grazing benefit the environment, but with this resolution and other awakenings like it this awareness has gone beyond mere bumper sticker politicking to broad acceptance. The challenge now is to build on this beginning. Doing so, in my opinion, will mean commissioning more studies like Ms. Marty's and collecting, categorizing, and condensing the many others that already exist. In addition, it will mean collecting and documenting more examples such as the ones I described above—I know there are plenty of them out there.

Having collected these studies and stories, the next task will be making them accessible in a useful form to those who can include them in the scoping process of as many environmental reviews as possible. That is the only way I believe this awakening can continue to grow in a more expeditious fashion than one issue at a time.

WORKING TOGETHER TO CONSERVE CALIFORNIA'S RANGELANDS

A Coalition of Ranchers, Environmentalist and Government Agencies

BY SHEILA BARRY, TRACY K. SCHOHR, KAREN SWEET

A ranch in the San Francisco Bay Area was the backdrop for a meeting between environmentalists, ranchers, and resource professionals from federal and state agencies. From this meeting of former foes in the Summer of 2005, participants drafted a resolution documenting common ground for the conservation of the rangeland encircling the Central Valley, including the Sierra foothills and interior Coast Ranges. The California Rangeland Resolution recognizes that these rangelands and the diversity of species they support is largely due to grazing and other land stewardship practices of the ranchers that own and manage them.

The resolution is currently signed by 66 agricultural organizations, environmental interest groups, as well as state and federal agencies. Together these signatories form the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition. The signatories have pledged to work together to preserve and enhance California's rangeland for species of special concern, while supporting the long-term viability of the ranching industry.

Partners have gathered the past two January's for the annual Summit. The Summit is an opportunity to build trust, hear from researchers about the ecological benefits of grazing and define the Rangeland Coalition's action plan for the year. The action plan lays the foundation for coalition members to work together to acquire additional federal funding for conservation programs, coordinate permitting processes, garner support for cooperative conservation projects, fulfill research gaps, and provide landowner assurances and incentives for

proactive voluntary conservation. As a signatory, CRT will be working with other Coalition members to perpetually preserve rangelands that are home to wildlife, native plants, vernal pool ecosystems and oak woodlands.

Although monies to acquire land for conservation purposes have been relatively plentiful in the last decade in California, there is growing recognition that public acquisition to conserve extensive landscapes, like California's rangelands, may be impossible and undesirable. The value of grazing and other land stewardship practices of California's ranchers is being increasingly acknowledged as not only a preferred land use but also as an essential resource management tool. Recent published research studies on rangelands throughout California have documented the positive impact of grazing on habitat of several species of special concern.

In California's southern San Joaquin Valley preliminary research indicates that populations of giant kangaroo rats, San Joaquin kangaroo rats, San Joaquin antelope squirrels, and blunt-nosed leopard lizards, all listed as threatened or endangered, are affected negatively by thick ground cover. The research acknowledges that although grazing may have originally contributed to the introduction of non-native plants, moderate to heavy grazing by livestock, now, may be the best way to ameliorate the habitat for these small vertebrates.

In the California's Central Valley, research has found that grazing maintained native plant and

invertebrate diversity in ephemeral wetlands or vernal pools. Similar impacts from non-native annual species have been found on serpentine sites. The endangered Bay Checkerspot Butterfly in south San Jose extirpated following the exclusion of cattle grazing; whereas nearby populations under continued grazing did not decline. Grazing cattle select grasses over

Nearly all of the species of grassland birds, most native plants and the threatened vernal pool species actually BENEFIT from responsible grazing practices.

forbs and grazing leads to a net export of Nitrogen (N) as cattle grow and are removed for harvest.

The message that grazing can benefit habitat on California's Rangelands, aligns with the founders visions of the California Rangeland Trust. Over a decade later, the efforts of the California Rangeland Trust to perpetually preserve working landscapes is supported by research, the environmental community and state and federal agencies.

For additional information on the Rangeland Coalition or partners visit www.calcattlemen.org. For research cited in this article please contact UCCE extension advisor Sheila Barry at (408) 282-3106 or sbarry@ucdavis.edu or Tracy Schohr, California Cattlemen's Association (916) 444-0845 or tschohr@calcattlemen.org.

RANCHERS AND ENVIRONMENTALISTS FINDING COMMON GROUND

EXCERPT FROM FRONT PAGE OF THE MAY 8, 2007 ISSUE OF THE SACRAMENTO BEE, ARTICLE 'GUARDIANS OF THE RANGE' BY MATT WEISER.

We have a common threat, and that is the conversion of ranchland to homes and strip malls and sprawl," said Kim Delfino, California program director at Defenders of Wildlife. "It's actually nice to have a project where we're all working together rather than at cross-purposes. It is ambitious, but there's a great potential for success."

Steve Thompson, regional boss of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is credited with inspiring the coalition. In 2004, when

he first came to Sacramento, he met separately with ranchers and environmentalists. He got an earful about perceived inadequacies of federal environmental law. He challenged them to draft position papers on their environmental priorities, which he later shared with the other side.

"I kept saying, 'I understand what you're against. What are you for?'" Thompson said. "It turned out both the cattlemen and the environmental groups had a tremendous amount of overlap. It didn't surprise me, but I think it surprised them."

Events Round Up



CELEBRATING OUR WESTERN HERITAGE

A Western Affair at Rancho San Julian is once again an *affair* to remember

Nearly 500 guests entered the historic Rancho San Julian, Lompoc, for an evening celebration to benefit the California Rangeland Trust, Sacramento, on June 2, 2007. As guests passed the early 19th century adobe casa the scene opened up to a wide pasture where they were ushered into a beautifully decorated tent. The candle-lit dinner tables were the perfect setting for the once again successful live and silent auctions.

As guests mingled under a canopy decorated with twinkle lights, foliage and antique western décor, all done by a committee headed by **Mindi Christian**, they feasted on hors d'oeuvres while gazing at the hills surrounding Rancho San Julian headquarters and the event site. Guests had the opportunity to view displays of the Trust's closed easement projects in the restored dairy barn and to visit the country store provided by **Bobbi Faria** of Yosemite Hide Co., Merced. To wrap the night in melody the fiddle-based country tunes of **Julie Beaver and the Bad Dogs**, Paso Robles, floated among the crowd as they played.

Guests were treated to an outstanding steak and tilapia dinner accompanied by roasted potatoes and a gourmet salad all provided by **Martin Testa** of Testa Catering, Santa Maria. Custom labeled water bottles were also donated by **Glenn Drown** of Borrego Springs Bottled Water. To top off this delicious meal, wine on the tables and at the open bar was donated by **Hampton Farming, Brooks Firestone, Sandy and Heloise Power, Thekla and Richard Sanford's Alma Rosa Winery** and **Elizabeth Flood Stevenson**.

The Chairman of the Board, **Darrell Wood**, welcomed guests as they sat to eat and shared the Trust's mission and their reason for bringing the group together for this evening celebration. "The Trust is here to help families and ranchers stay in business and give them a tool to compete in California's changing landscape. Tonight we are here to celebrate what ranching families provide us in rich cultural traditions, open space, wildlife habitat and many other intangible things."

Next, Wood invited Lieutenant Governor, **John Garamendi**, Sacramento, to address the crowd as the Rangeland Trust's first easement project closed in 1998, shortly after the Trust's inception. He received a rousing applause

as he talked about the importance of saving California's rangelands. John was in attendance with his wife **Patti Garamendi**.


As dinner continued **Bob Fox**, Auburn, came to the stage to introduce the Trust's special guests. Unique to this year's event were five special guests invited to help the Trust and guests celebrate the western heritage kept alive by California's ranches.

These guests included: **Bobbi Ingersoll, Ronnie Richards, Ted Robinson, Cotton Rosser** and **Sheila Varian**. Bob introduced each of these noteworthy guests to the crowd and explained their many accomplishments which help to sustain the traditions and heritage of the ranching industry in our state.

The highlight of the evening began as **Bill Lefty**, Yuba City, took the auction block. A lively auction ensued with the help of announcer **Ted Robinson**. With all this help the Trust was thrilled to bring in more than \$148,000 from both the live and silent auctions.

The live auction was organized by live auction chair, **Abbie Nelson** and the silent auction was organized by **Carole Silveira** with help from **Karen Stone**, who also organized the registration for the event. A special thank you goes out to the event committee chair **Kendra Wilbur**, who has been the chair of this event for six years and local event chair **Brandy Branquinho**.

In addition to the committee's dedication and generosity the California Cattlemen's Association's Young Cattlemen did an outstanding job as volunteers for parking, registration, meal service and clean-up. A big thank you to the Young Cattlemen who helped make this event possible!

"At our event this year we wanted to honor the past while recognizing how it links with our future and the future of ranching. We are so grateful to all who have supported us, our sponsors, our special guests, our board and our many volunteers. It will take all of us to support a viable future for our state's rangelands and our ranching families," said **Nita Vail**, executive director of the Trust. 

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stunning oak trees," said John Donnelly, Executive Director of the Wildlife Conservation Board.

Management of Resources

The Van Alen Ranch has been owned by the same family for over one hundred years. Their management philosophy adheres to consistent cattle ranching practices that have been passed down through generations to maintain the quality of the ranch by using grazing as an ecological management tool.

In order to keep the cattle from congregating excessively under the oak canopy, salt licks and supplement stations are placed at higher elevations and in brushy areas away from the oaks. This helps keep stress off the oaks. In addition, cattle are rotated to control invasive weeds, brush over growth and to protect the grasslands.


The landowner-operators continue managing the land with a low impact grazing program that has protected the oaks and other resource values on the ranch. Don Neal, California Certified

Rangeland Manager, notes, "from a rangeland perspective the ecological condition is excellent indicating a long history of proper grazing." At the Van Alen Ranch the hope is to continue these practices maintaining a family's way of life and the land.

Forever's Future

Now that there are 4th and 5th generations on the ranch its preservation is more important than ever. "My grandkids will be able to explore and experience the ranch as we did. This is a long-time dream come true for all our families. Now we get to look forward to what we can do with the ranch instead of fearing what might happen," says Larry.

"Our future looks bright," says Shana. "This easement has allowed our family to continue its tradition in cattle ranching and agriculture. We will raise our kids in this vanishing lifestyle and we hope they will preserve our family traditions for generations to come."

Back at the ranch these families can now look forward to maintaining their traditions and keeping the land they love the way it is today, forever. 



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