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## FEATURED NEWS

### Land Stewardship in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem



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Yellowstone National Park, the world’s first national park and a cherished American Legacy and birthright enjoyed by millions, is surrounded by a combination of public and private lands. Among those private lands are found some of the finest ranches in the Northern Rockies. Together, all these lands constitute what is commonly called the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Along with the 2.2 million-acre Yellowstone National Park, at its core, they provide homes and habitat for untold numbers of animals, birds and fish. Without them, Yellowstone National Park would be an isolated island rather than a dynamic fully-functioning ecosystem; complete with charismatic species like:

grizzly bears, mountain lions, wolves and wolverines.

Owning a ranch in Greater Yellowstone takes on a special meaning and brings with it added responsibilities. Its management impacts, to one degree or another, Yellowstone National Park and the entire Greater Yellowstone and all its fish and wildlife. Bears, wolves, elk and many other species don't recognize artificial boundaries drawn on maps and surveyor's plats, but instead travel and migrate throughout the area. One day they're in the Park and a week later they're on a private ranch miles from Yellowstone's boundary.

Additionally, owning a ranch in Greater Yellowstone brings with it the opportunity to be a true partner with Yellowstone National Park and the Greater Yellowstone Community while also offering the chance to become a real steward of one of the last great wild places in the lower 48 states.

Many private ranch owners embrace the opportunity to steward their land while remaining mindful of its importance to Yellowstone Park and Greater Yellowstone. They also learn about, and involve themselves with, public lands management agencies like the National Park Service and US Forest Service and non-profit organizations like: Trout Unlimited, Greater Yellowstone Coalition and the Yellowstone Park Foundation, the official fundraising partner of Yellowstone National Park.

For these stewards, a ranch is far more than a place to escape or recreate; it becomes a member of a dynamic and valuable community, in which they take great pride.



Ken Barrett is the Native Fish Campaign Manager for the Yellowstone Park Foundation. Ken was writer and host of the award-winning TV show *Life in the Open* broadcast nationally from 2005-2010.

## FEATURED AGENT

### Craig Janssen - Montana Managing Broker

I have spent the past 12 years successfully specializing in finding, marketing and selling ranch and recreational property with an emphasis on fly fishing and bird hunting properties. The long list of repeat customers (many of whom have become friends) are a testament to the diligence, professionalism, and dedication to service that I show to each transaction. Growing up farming, working with and judging livestock, followed by years in the Fly Fishing Industry have made the transition into the ranch real estate business a very natural one. Ken and I are long time fishing, hunting and shooting buddies, and are both geared toward protecting, preserving and



enhancing the land in which we live.

**Affiliations:** Trout Unlimited, Madison Gallatin Board of directors 1998-2001, Federation of North American Wild Sheep, Great Yellowstone Coalition, Gallatin Sporting Clays and Rising Spirits Sporting Clays, National Rifle Association, Gallatin Association of Realtors, South Western Montana Farm and Ranch Brokers Group.

## FEATURED PROPERTIES



### **Shields River Ranch Livingston, Montana**

**Price:** \$4,500,000

**Acreage:** 894 Acres

**Features:**

- 2 miles of riverfront
- Excellent bird hunting



### **Prickly Pear Mtn Ranch Canyon Creek, Montana**

**Price:** \$3,950,000

**Acreage:** 1,340 Acres

**Features:**

- 1 mile of creek onsite
- 4,987 sqft main home



### **Gallatin River Sporting Bozeman, Montana**

**Price:** \$2.495M, Was \$5.95M

**Acreage:** 79 Acres

**Features:**

- 1/4 mile of the Gallatin
- Several parcel options



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