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THURSDAY	09.10.2026
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM MAIN HALL	CONFERENCE CHECK-IN Welcome to the 2026 Grazing Expo! Swing by the check-in table to grab your name badge, swag bag, and a warm welcome from our team. This is your first stop on a weekend full of learning, connection, and inspiration. We'll get you squared away and pointed in the right direction!
2:00 PM - 7:00 PM MAIN BALLROOM	TRADE SHOW MOVE IN Trade show vendors may begin setting up their booths at this time.
2:00 PM END TIME: 5:15PM END TIME: 3:30PM END TIME: 3:30PM 3:45 PM END TIME: 5:15PM END TIME: 5:15PM	PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS* *Advance registration is required. DIY SOIL HEALTH: ASSESS AND ADDRESS Gardner Room Speakers: Anna Clare Monlezun, <i>Graze LLC / La Dolce Vita Ranch</i> ; Lexi Firth, <i>Colorado State University</i> UNLOCK YOUR PERSONALIZED ROADMAP TO SUCCESSION SUCCESS Yellowstone Room Speaker: Jessica Groskopf, <i>UnCommon Farms</i> CULTIVATING FINANCIAL CLARITY: MAKING YOUR BOOKS WORK FOR YOU Big Horn Room Speaker: Caroline Wild, <i>Wild Ranch Solutions</i> Need funding for a pasture walk, workshop, or field project? Apply for a grant with Montana GLC montanaglc.org/grants THE MISSING LINK IN RANGELAND SUCCESS: THE MANAGER'S MINDSET Stillwater Room Speakers: Jenny Pluhar, <i>Texas Grazing Lands Coalition</i> ; Christine Martin, <i>Thriving Land Stewards</i> DROUGHT STRATEGIES FOR PRODUCERS BY PRODUCERS Boulder Room Speakers: Rick Caquelin, <i>Caquelin Ranch</i> ; Dale Veseth, <i>Veseth Cattle Company</i>



THURSDAY

09.10.2026

5:30 PM -
6:15 PM

SHUTTLES AVAILABLE TO BY ALL MEANS BREWING

Need a ride to the Kick-Off Party? Catch the first shuttle at 5:30pm; the second shuttle at 6:15pm. Both shuttles depart from the BHCC lobby. Please meet your driver outside.

5:30 PM -
9:00 PM

GRASSROOTS CARBON KICK-OFF PARTY AT BY ALL MEANS BREWING

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Start the 2026 Grazing Expo with a night of music, mingling, and fun at **By All Means Brewing** in Billings. Enjoy **live music from Tris Munsick & The Innocents, free appetizers, and complimentary non-alcoholic beverages.** Alcoholic beverages available for purchase. Soak in the laid-back atmosphere with patio hangs, fire pits, cornhole, and good conversation as you reconnect with old friends and make a few new ones. This lively event sets the stage for an unforgettable Expo — and there's no better way to kick things off!

8:00 PM -
8:30 PM

SHUTTLES AVAILABLE TO BHCC

Need a ride back to the Billings Hotel & Convention Center (BHCC)? Catch the first shuttle at 8:00pm and the second at 8:30pm. Feel like staying out late? Feel free to catch an Uber or Lyft back to the hotel.

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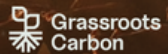
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FRIDAY

09.11.2026

8:00 AM -
9:15 AM

Keynote

COMBINED
BREAKOUT
SESSION
ROOMS

PULL OUT A CHAIR: WHY AGRICULTURE NEEDS NEW PEOPLE (AND WHY A SEAT AT THE TABLE ISN'T ENOUGH)

Keynote Speaker: Cassidy Johnston, *CKJ Communications & Consulting*

With farmers over 65 outnumbering farmers under 35 six to one and only 23% of operations having a succession plan, agriculture has a people problem — and simply "making room" isn't going to fix it. In this keynote, first-generation beef producer Cassidy Johnston makes the case for why agriculture needs new people, what's actually standing in their way, and what we can do right now to bridge the gap. Built around the Big Four of successful transitions plus a foundation of stronger communication across generations, it's a practical, honest, and funny look at how we cut through stereotypes, navigate tough conversations, and create an aligned vision for the future of agriculture.

9:15 AM -
9:45 AM

DEMO STAGE

TRADE SHOW GATHERING

Join us in the trade show for a community-building experience! Meet the vendors, participate in a live demonstration, network, or enjoy coffee alongside friends.

QUIT YER BELLYACHING: RUMEN FIRST AID

Speaker: Sarah Jane Abatti, *Mesa Consulting*

A visual demonstration of treating frothy bloat, plus the essentials of preparing fecal tea for rumen re-inoculation.

9:45 AM -
11:00 AM

GARDNER
BUSINESS BASICS

YELLOWSTONE
CAREER
CONVERSATIONS

BIG HORN
STOCK TALK

STILLWATER
MANAGEMENT
MATERIALS

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

TAX CHANGES FOR AGRICULTURAL CLIENTS

Speaker: Austin Sterling, *Pinon Accounting*

BUILDING A ROADMAP THROUGH AGRICULTURE

Speaker: Cassidy Johnston, *CKJ Communications & Consulting*

SMALL RUMINANTS, BIG NUTRITION

Speaker: Sarah Jane Abatti, *Mesa Consulting*

ADDRESSING THE THREAT OF CONIFER ENCROACHMENT

Speakers: Derek Tilley, *Working Lands for Wildlife / University of Montana*; Ian Moore, *Burnbot*; Diane Ahlgren, *Ahlgren Ranch*; Haylee Kratzke, *USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service*



FRIDAY

09.11.2026

9:45 AM -
11:00 AM

BOULDER
SHARED SUCCESS

CONCURRENT SESSIONS CONTINUED

CURIOSITY: BASELINES + MONITORING TO CONTINUE TO LEARN & ADAPT GRAZING SYSTEMS

Speakers: Bill Milton, *Milton Ranch*; Kendall Morgan, *Winnett ACES*; Emily Standley, *Range Monitoring Group*; Krista Todd, *South of the Divide Conservation Action Plan*; Aaron Clausen, *World Wildlife Fund*

11:15 AM -
12:30 PM

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CHANGES TO BLM AND USFS PERMITS

Speakers: Shawn Heinert, *United States Forest Service*; Reyer Rens, *Bureau of Land Management*

PREPARED FOR THE WORKFORCE THROUGH MONTANA INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

Speakers: Stacy Barta, *DNRC RRP*; Peter Sclafani, *Flying D Ranch / Montana Ranch Services*; Abby McKay, *Judith Basin Conservation District*; Angel DeVries, *Ranchers Stewardship Alliance*

PREVENTATIVE AWARENESS VET CONVERSATION: CATTLE + SMALL RUMINANTS

Speaker: Dr. Laurie Gaugler, *Gaugler Angus Ranch*

MANAGEMENT DECISIONS INFORMING SOIL MONITORING

Speaker: Megan Nasto, *HNH Ecology*

SOUTHWEST MONTANA SAGEBRUSH PARTNERSHIP REGENERATIVE GRAZING PILOT

Speakers: Jim Berkey, *The Nature Conservancy*; Pat Fosse, *Southwest Montana Sagebrush Partnership*; Koy Holland, *Holland Ranch Company*; Colt High, *Broksle Ranch*; Ben Veres, *Cultivo*

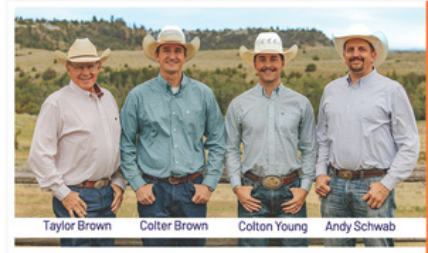
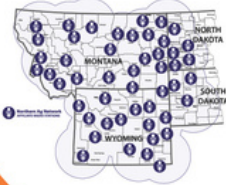
12:30 PM -
2:30 PM

CAFE IN HOTEL
LOBBY

OFF-SITE LUNCH

DATA OWNERSHIP AND SHARING CONSIDERATION DISCUSSIONS (CASUAL LUNCH & LEARN DISCUSSION)

Speaker: Ryan White, *Snaplands*



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FRIDAY

09.11.2026

2:30 PM -
3:15 PM

GARDNER
ROOM

SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS

MONITORING RANGELANDS AT SCALE

Speaker: Kelsey Miller, *RangeView*

Monitoring Rangelands at Scale explores how better information leads to better stewardship by challenging land managers to ask one simple question: "What are you leaving behind?" From forage residuals that build healthier soils or unrealized profitability left in underutilized pastures to missed monitoring insights, outdated assumptions, or the legacy of informed progressive choices, every grazing decision leaves something behind. We'll examine how remote sensing, precision livestock data, and decision-support tools like RangeView help operations move through the Four D's—from Dogma, to Data, to Decisions, and ultimately to Dollars—transforming complex information into simple, actionable insights that improve ecosystems, profitability, and long-term ranch resilience.

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YELLOWSTONE
ROOM

PRECISION GRAZING TO ACHIEVE MANAGEMENT GOALS

Speakers: Cuinn Merrigan, *Vence*; Joel Yelich, *Vence*

Grazing technology is changing how producers manage land, labor, opportunities, and risk. We'll cover what our technology is, how it works, and most importantly, how it can be used as a value-added management tool based on producer driven use cases.

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3:15 PM -
4:15 PM

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3:15 PM - 3:45 PM

UTILIZING PUBLICLY AVAILABLE RANGE ASSESSMENT TOOLS

Speaker: Kelsey Miller, *RangeView*

DEMO
STAGE

3:45 PM - 4:15 PM

BEYOND VIRTUAL FENCING - MANAGING LIVESTOCK WITHOUT LIMITS

Speaker: Genevieve Folkendahl, *NoFence*



FRIDAY

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3:30 PM -
4:15 PM

**PARKING LOT
OUTSIDE OF
TRADE SHOW
SOUTH EXIT**

NRCS RAINFALL SIMULATOR DEMONSTRATION

Speaker: Susan Massar, *Natural Resources Conservation Service*

4:15 PM -
5:30 PM

**GARDNER
BUSINESS BASICS**

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CONVERSATIONS**

**BIG HORN
STOCK TALK**

**STILLWATER
MANAGEMENT
MATERIALS**

**BOULDER
SHARED SUCCESS**

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & LOGISTICS PREPARATION

Speaker: Abbey Bruski, *Bruski Ranch*

FURTHERING YOUR CAREER WITH MONTANA SPECIFIC LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

Speakers: Raylee Honeycutt, *Montana Stock Growers Association*; Sue Ann Streufert, *Montana Farm Bureau Federation*; Tara Becken, *MSU Extension*; Program Graduates

UTILIZING RAPIDLY CHANGING TECH IN GENOMICS TO HAVE A MORE EFFECTIVE HERD

Speakers: Leoma Donsbach, *Data Genie*; Tanner Braymer, *Country Natural Beef*; Amy Driggs, *Quirk Cattle Company*; Dale Veseth, *Veseth Ranch*; Race King, *Matador Ranch*; KJ Fauth, *Fauth Ranch*

RESOURCE USE AND FORAGING BEHAVIOR OF BEEF COWS GRAZING DORMANT RANGELAND FED INCREASING SUPPLEMENTAL PROTEIN

Speaker: Noah Davis, *Montana State University*

CREATING AND IMPLEMENTING A RANCHER MENTORSHIP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Speakers: Laura Nelson, *Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition*; Sue FitzGerald, *EMRA*; Lesley Icenogle, *North Dakota Grazing Lands Coalition*

6:15 PM -
6:30 PM

SHUTTLES AVAILABLE TO SWIFT RIVER RANCH

Need a ride to the Land & Legacy Banquet? Catch the first shuttle at 6:15pm or the second shuttle at 6:30pm. Both shuttles depart from the BHCC lobby. Please meet your driver outside.



FRIDAY

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6:00 PM -
10:00 PM

**Special
Event**



LAND & LEGACY BANQUET

Location: Swift River Ranch
Address: 4313 Duck Creek Rd, Billings, MT 59101

Join us for an evening of celebration, connection, and commitment to the future of working lands at the **Land & Legacy Banquet**. Enjoy a **BBQ dinner prepared by Lost Texan Pit BBQ**, a **Cigar Lounge**, **photo booth**, and a **special presentation** honoring stewardship in Montana grazing lands management. The night will close with a concert by southwestern Montana musician **Marcedes Carroll**. This memorable event is more than a banquet — *it's a chance to celebrate the people and places that sustain our rangelands for generations to come.*

6:00 PM - WELCOME

Speakers: Kelly Beevers (Executive Director, Montana Grazing Lands Coalition), Andy Schwab (Northern Ag Network)

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: HONORING JOHN HOLLENBACK, LON REUKAUF, AND RON STONEBERG

Speakers: Dean Wang (Board Member, Montana Grazing Lands Coalition)

During the **Land & Legacy Banquet**, we'll pause for a special presentation honoring three exceptional individuals whose long standing dedication to grazing management and continued support of the Grazing Land Coalition—especially here in Montana—has undoubtedly shaped the future of our rangelands. This recognition celebrates not just years of service, but a deep-rooted passion for stewardship, community, and the land itself. Join us as we honor a legacy built on hard work, resilience in the face of challenges, collaboration, and an unwavering commitment to changing their respective rural communities through well-managed grazing lands and leadership in agriculture.

DINNER: LOST TEXAN PIT BBQ

CONCERT: MARCEDES CARROLL



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SATURDAY

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7:00 AM -
8:00 AM

CAFE IN HOTEL
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DATA OWNERSHIP AND SHARING CONSIDERATION DISCUSSIONS (CASUAL BREAKFAST DISCUSSION)

Speaker: Ryan White, *Snaplands*

8:00 AM -
9:15 AM

GARDNER
BUSINESS BASICS

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

COMMON TRAITS IN THOSE THAT HAVE TRANSITIONED THEIR RANCH SUCCESSFULLY

Speakers: Jessica Groskopf, *UnCommon Farms*; Diane Ahlgren, *Ahlgren Ranch*; Charlie Gilman, *I.H. Cattle Company*

YELLOWSTONE
CAREER
CONVERSATIONS

UTILIZING MANAGER PEER NETWORKS

Speakers: Hayden Vanderburg, *Quivira Coalition*; Dani Howlett, *Western Landowners Alliance*; Natalie Berkman, *Five Valleys Land Trust*; Billy Whitehurst, *Makale Livestock*

BIG HORN
STOCK TALK

HEALTHY CALVES, HEALTHIER BOTTOM LINE

Speakers: Dr. Kristina Porter, *Kleinsasser-Porter Veterinary Service*; Brady Wulf, *AgSpire*

STILLWATER
MANAGEMENT
MATERIALS

WINTER GRAZING: IMPACTS ON LAND & ECONOMICS

Speakers: Dr. Tim DelCurto, *Montana State University*; Todd Barkley, *Barkley's Home Grown*; Charlie Gilman, *I.H. Cattle Company*; Holly Stoltz, *Western Sustainability Exchange*

BOULDER
SHARED SUCCESS

FINANCIALLY FEASIBLE WAYS TO SUSTAIN ECOSYSTEMS

Speakers: Merissa Dominguez, *Buffalo Nations Grassland Alliance*; Bret Riley, *Lesser Prairie Chicken Landowners Alliance*; Mindy Hockley, *Saskatchewan Stock Growers Foundation*

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BLOODY MARY BAR

Stop by the trade show and spice up your morning with a hand-crafted Bloody Mary! Add your favorite toppings and fixin's and craft the perfect beverage to kick off your weekend!

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9:45 AM -
11:00 AM

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RANCHING WITHOUT AN INHERITANCE + EQUITY PATHWAYS

Speakers: Mattie Griswold, *Quivira Coalition*; Cat Kelly, *Ranch Legacy Planning*; Montana Caise, *Estel Farm*; Amber Smith, *Antelope Springs Ranch*; Bill Milton, *Milton Ranch*

THE POWER OF STARTING EARLY WITH INTERNSHIPS

Speakers: Jaelyn Long Time Sleeping, *Piikani Lodge Health Institute*; Shelly Kelly, *Sandhills Task Force*; Maida Knaption, *Ranchers Stewardship Alliance*

COW / CALF EFFICIENCY ON LIMITED NUTRITION IN WESTERN RANGELANDS

Speaker: Dr. Tim DelCurto, *Montana State University*

RESPONDING TO WILDFIRE: TOOLS FOR RANCHERS

Speakers: Matt Ricketts, *TripleRBarS Consulting*; Linette Suphtin, *Pheasants Forever*; Ryan White, *Snaplands*; Brandon Dalton, *Dalton Gang Enterprises LLC*

CREATIVE CONNECTIONS TO PROMOTE GRAZING LANDS

Speakers: Joni Mitchek, *Eastern Colorado Grassland Alliance*; Laura Kahler, *South Dakota Grassland Initiative*



SATURDAY

09.12.2026

11:20 AM -
12:30 PM

Keynote

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ROOMS

REGEN: SOIL HEALTH AS THE FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE

Keynote Speaker: David Montgomery, *University of Washington*

In ReGen, David R. Montgomery lays out a practical and productive vision for recovering soil health and safeguarding the future of food. The answer: soil-building regenerative farming. In exploring this much-needed turning point for agriculture, Montgomery marshals more than a decade of research, interviewing innovative farmers and seeing firsthand how they restored degraded farms around the world. ReGen breaks down common myths around conventional and organic farming, animal agriculture, and plant-based diets to frame ten policy recommendations for sustainably nourishing the world.

Stop by the Demo Stage following the presentation to buy a signed copy of David's book. Opportunity available until 3PM.

12:30 PM -
1:45 PM

OFF-SITE LUNCH

1:45 PM-
3:15 PM

Keynote

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CATTLEFAX: MARKET UPDATE

Keynote Speaker: Holden Ramey, *CattleFax*

This keynote session provides a look at current market fundamentals, major trends, and a forward looking market outlook for the cattle and beef markets. Geared towards any individuals involved in the cattle business, this session provides real-time economic information to help individuals better navigate the complex market environment and better manage risk.

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1:45 PM -
3:15 PM

MAIN
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CAREER FAIR

Step into the heart of opportunity at the career fair, a dedicated time within the trade show space designed to connect students, job seekers, and professionals with leaders across the grazing and agriculture industry. Whether you're exploring careers, seeking talent, or building your network, this is where conversations turn into possibilities.

3:15 PM -
4:15 PM

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LEVERAGING TOOLS OF PRECISION MANAGEMENT

Speaker: Elias Velasquez Moreno, *South Dakota State University*

DEMO
STAGE

3:45 PM - 4:15 PM

ALL THINGS DRONES

Speakers: Maida Knapton, *Ranchers Stewardship Alliance*; Jason Hanlon, *The Nature Conservancy*



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4:15 PM -
5:30 PM

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RAISE IT OR GRAZE IT: FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF YOUR HAY GROUND

Speaker: Caroline Wild, *Wild Ranch Solutions*

WHAT I WISH I KNEW: MANAGER'S INSIGHT

Speakers: Trevor Smith, *Antelope Springs Ranch*; Race King, *Matador Ranch*; Christine Martin, *Thriving Land Stewards*; Jenny Pluhar, *Taylor Ranches*

CREEP GRAZING: ANIMAL HEALTH / ANIMAL PERFORMANCE IMPACTS BASED ON THE USE OF VIRTUAL FENCE

Speakers: Sam Wyffels, *Montana State University*; Brandon Arpan, *Box X Ranch*; Jake Jones, *Gallagher eShepherd*

LEVERAGING PRECISION LIVESTOCK TECHNOLOGIES TO ADVANCE GRAZING MANAGEMENT IN RANGELAND BEEF PRODUCTION SYSTEMS

Speaker: Dr. Hector Menendez, *South Dakota State University*

PRESCRIBED FIRE: CREATING A LOCAL PRESCRIBED BURN ASSOCIATION + UTILIZING FIRE TO MANAGE LAND

Speakers: Devan McGranahan; David Mannix, *Mannix Ranch*; Haylee Kratzke, *USDA NRCS*; Jim Forsyth, *U.S. Wildland Fire Service*

6:30 PM -
9:30 PM

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WORKING LANDS & WILDLIFE FILM NIGHT

Location: Art House Cinema & Pub

Address: 109 N 30th St, Billings, MT 59101

****This is a ticketed event. Advance registration is required. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door.**

Presented by Western Landowners Alliance at Art House Cinema & Pub, this special event will feature a selection of short films focused on the many roles ranchers play on the landscape. Several films will be making their big screen debuts! Tickets include snacks/desserts and a panel discussion following the films. Drinks available at the Pub.



SATURDAY

09.12.2026

6:30 PM -
9:30 PM

RANCHER'S NIGHT NETWORKING EVENT

Location: Henry's Garage
Address: 59107 12 Garden Ave, Billings, MT 59101

***This is a ticketed event. Advance registration is required. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door.*

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Join us for an evening of rancher-to-rancher round-table style discussion. Enjoy heavy appetizers featuring locally-sourced ingredients including **beef donated by Barkely's Home Grown** and **lamb donated by Grace Farms**. Sip delicious cocktails (or mocktails) and engage in conversation covering a wide array of industry hot takes, topics of interest, and areas of opportunity. This is your chance to share what's working, raise challenges, exchange ideas, and help shape how we can better support the work happening on our nation's grazing lands. Your experience will shape (or unravel!) this conversation.



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SUNDAY

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**8:30 AM -
5:00 PM**

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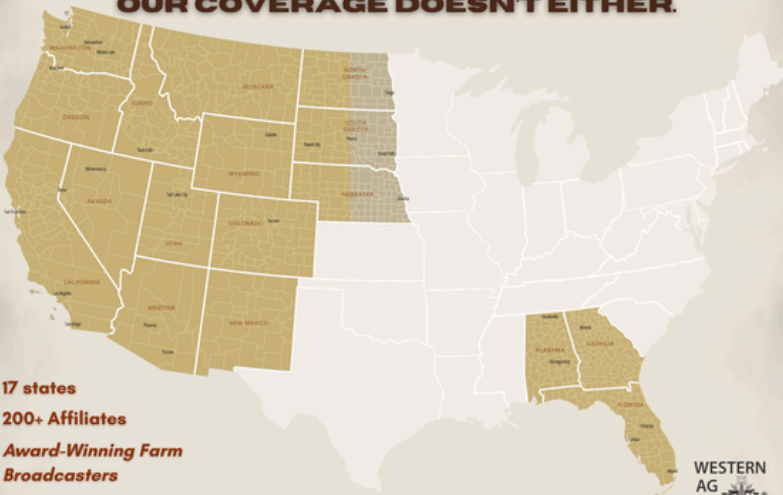
***Advanced registration is required.*

Hosted in conjunction with Western Sustainability Exchange's Expanding Markets Conference.

Spend the day exploring two innovative Montana ranches, the **Pine Coulee Angus Ranch** and the **Bench Ranch**, hearing directly from producers and industry experts. Topics include fire mitigation, forest health, watershed collaboration, intensive grazing, forage production, and ranch succession planning, with lunch provided between tour stops.

Bus departs BHCC at 8:30am. If you plan to attend the Expanding Markets Conference, it is recommended that you drive to Columbus and get on the bus at the Stillwater County Pavilion.

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