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Range Riders: Riding with Wolves

Bozeman, Montana-

“Now that we’ve brought them back, how do we co-exist?” That’s the question to be posed during a unique learning adventure in the mountains of Montana near Yellowstone National Park. Select riders will spend a week in the saddle tracking wolves and riding herd to keep livestock safe and wolves alive.

The Range RidersSM program, a collaboration between ranchers of the Madison Valley Ranchlands Group and Keystone Conservation, matches riders with real-life cowboys to patrol Montana’s open range and deter conflicts with wolves before they arise. The rugged terrain and vast acreages of Montana make watching livestock a tough proposition. Range Riders keep wolves at bay by putting human ingenuity between predator and prey.

The 6-day experience is for those with a love of riding, wildlife and the great outdoors. Riders assist with tracking wolves and moving stock, and experience untamed nature in Montana’s backcountry. We meet with ecologists and ranchers to learn first-hand about the careful stewardship essential to coexistence with wolves. Camp activities start early—late risers need not apply. A typical day begins with a dawn ride followed by breakfast.

In true western fashion, home base will be a comfortable camp with wall tents, cots, and delicious chuckwagon-style meals. Optional packages to extend your trip to Yellowstone National Park are available.

The Range RidersSM program is offered from July 5-10, 2009. The cost is \$2500 (\$500 is a tax-deductible donation to support the Range RidersSM). Ground transportation to and from Bozeman, meals, lodging, and horses are included. For more information and requirements, contact Jacqueline Rieder Hud, 406-587-3389 or rangeriders@keystoneconservation.us.

About the Madison Valley Ranchlands Group

The Madison Valley Ranchlands Group works to protect the ranching way of life and the biologically healthy open spaces on which ranching depends. See www.madisonvalleyranchlands.org.

About Keystone Conservation

Keystone Conservation has worked to protect and restore native predators and their habitats in the Northern Rockies since 1991. Keystone Conservation pioneers innovative solutions that help people and wildlife coexist. See www.keystoneconservation.us.

