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Ranch Life: Coming Home to Wide Open Spaces

As urban areas stretch vertically and cities across the nation experience unprecedented growth, untouched natural land becomes more and more of a phenomenon in its pristine state.

Rural ranch land, reflecting generations of proud family ownership and the fruits of years upon years of hard days' work, offers fond reminders of the magic that lies in nature and a simpler, thoughtful lifestyle enveloping the true spirit of the great American West.

Hand in hand with conservation and preservation efforts, a number of working ranches and dude ranch destinations have experienced a metamorphosis — a likely transformation to accommodate today's lifestyle. Acknowledging the rise in land value and development progress, new neighbors are being welcomed and ranchland parcels are set aside to share the lifestyle with those desiring a slice of the West to call their own. For many, income from sold portions of ranch property is poured into nature reserves and projects that better protect the ranch's natural wildlife environment; others create luxurious amenities that sweeten the ranch lifestyle for guests and new residents, adding designer golf courses and world-class spa facilities on site. Learn about the real estate opportunities attracting buyers in Colorado, Wyoming and Montana — where the rugged landscape captivates and untamed beauty roams free.

C LAZY U RANCH **GRANBY, COLORADO**

With a masterpiece of Rocky Mountain surroundings, the C Lazy U Ranch is a place enjoyed for generations by visitors who come year after year to experience the tranquility and enchantment of the raw secluded land. More than 150 years have gone by since the ranch's inception but horses and cool rivers still run free while mountain amenities are enjoyed by the whole family. Today, C Lazy U has opened the door to a new opportunity — one that can be enjoyed permanently, rather than for just a week.

Distinct homesites are now available as well as ranch membership. In the C Lazy U Homesteads, only one homesite remained at time of print, priced around \$1 million. Dexter Ridge and Dexter Meadows Homesteads, available where trout streams are plentiful and carefully-arranged site placement allows the utmost privacy on 35-acre parcels. Homesites come with price tags between \$1.25 million and \$1.5 million.



3 Creek Ranch



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Ranch privileges include full-service stables with more than 150 ranch-owned horses, a 12,000-square foot indoor riding arena, tennis and basketball courts, trap shooting, paddle boats, an indoor sauna and pool, and a fully-equipped fitness facility to keep guests and residents busy, along with the freedom to explore nearly 8,000 acres of the secluded wilderness. Two bars and a lounge invite community togetherness — a place where meals, cocktails, laughter and camaraderie are shared.

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MERIWETHER RANCH MELROSE, MONTANA

In a land where flyfishing takes on the challenge of noble pursuit, and many surrounding waters are reserved for catch and release,



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top: Horse barn

above: Rush hour