



The High Lonesome Ranch

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Western Slope, Colorado

The High Lonesome Ranch is located north of the town of Debeque on the Western Slope of the Colorado Rockies. The ranch is over 300 square miles of deeded and permitted acres consisting of fertile valleys, flanked by the dramatic Book Cliff Mountains. Grand Junction's Walker Field Airport is a brief 40-minutes away.

Your trip will include 2 days of sight fishing on one of over 30 spring-fed ponds for brook, brown, rainbow, cutthroat and cuttbow trout. Also included

in your package are 2 days of walk-and-wade fishing on the High Lonesome Ranch's new property, the K-T in Meeker. The ranch owns or has private access to over six miles of the legendary White River as well as three private spring creeks. The High Lonesome Ranch has been featured in Fly Rod and Reel, Destination Fish, Southwest Fly Fishing, Shooting Sportsman, and the Bird Hunting Report, among other publications.



The High Lonesome Ranch Guest Services component was enhanced in 2008. You'll find private bathrooms in master suites, expanded common rooms with new appointments, a state-of-the-art conference center, and a wide array of additional activities from horseback riding to mountain biking, hiking, golf, and day spa and winery tours. The ranch has a 46-dog kennel with two full-time dog trainers. Our executive chef prepares contemporary Western cuisine.

Trip Includes: Five nights lodging, four days guided fishing, meals, and local wines. Trip does not include ground transportation from Grand Junction's Walker Field Airport any fly-fishing rental equipment, or gratuities.

How many: Two people

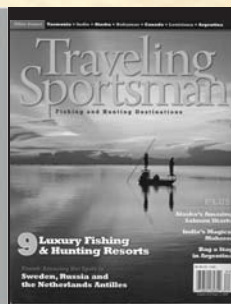
When: Based on availability for 2010

Donated by: Brooks Bouldin and The High Lonesome Ranch

Retail Value: \$5,400

Minimum Bid: TBD by Gulf Coast Chapter of the Federation of Fly Fishers

The Gift that Keeps on Giving: For each additional guest who joins this trip, the High Lonesome Ranch will donate 20% of the trip retail price to the Gulf Coast Chapter of the Federation of Fly Fishers.



The High Lonesome Ranch Mission and Conservation Efforts

Our Mission

The High Lonesome Ranch embraces a model of sustainability that, using public, private and non-governmental organization partnerships: provides stewardship of a large-scale, intact western landscape; maintains biological diversity and ecological connectivity; restores degraded habitat; ensures long-term conservation of critical open space; and preserves western Colorado's important ranching heritage while carefully balancing mixed land uses that economically support the ranch's long-term legacy goals.

Land Facts

The High Lonesome Ranch comprises approximately 300 square miles of deeded and permitted lands, located north of Grand Junction, Colorado – between Debeque on the east and Loma on the west. The ranch includes lands ranging from approximately 5,000 to 9,200 feet in elevation.

Conservation Activities

The privately-owned High Lonesome Ranch has undertaken an ambitious conservation and restoration agenda, engaging a variety of public, private, non-profit and scientific partners. Highlights of the work recently completed/ currently underway include the following.

Multi-Year Biodiversity Inventory & Monitoring Program

The ranch is partnering with the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia to prepare an ecological baseline of plant and animal species on the ranch, assessing the health of various species and habitat types, and monitoring the effect of restoration and recreation activities on fundamental ecological systems. The study will continue for several more years.

Stream and Ecological Restoration of North Dry Fork and Kimball Creeks

One of the first habitat reclamation efforts on the ranch was a multi-year project to restore 7 linear miles of a highly-eroded and degraded stream in The High Lonesome Ranch's home Dry Fork valley. A second project, to restore 11.5 linear miles of Kimball Creek in neighboring Kimball Creek Valley, is currently underway.

Keystone Predator and Trophic Cascade Research

Oregon State University researcher Cristina Eisenberg, a Boone & Crockett Fellow, is currently studying the role and effect of keystone predators (like cougars and wolves) on habitat health and biodiversity at the ranch. Via a phenomenon known as "trophic cascades" ecosystems are regulated from the top down, with predators controlling the

abundance and behavior of their prey, in an ecological cascade that affects plant communities. The presence of keystone predators produces richer and more diverse ecosystems, supporting a greater number of indicator species like songbirds and butterflies.

Participation in the Colorado Division of Wildlife's Regional Sage-Grouse Working Group

The ranch has been an active member in this group, which came together for the purpose of maintaining and improving the habitat of the sage grouse in the face of the potential listing of the bird as a threatened or endangered species. They are developing a framework to guide management efforts and maintain the sage-grouse population while integrating existing and potential land use activities on public and private lands in the area.

Interactive Mapping System for Ranch Management and Biodiversity Monitoring

An extensive web-based GIS mapping system is being developed for the ranch that will use recently acquired LIDAR imagery to make contour scale mapping available for ranch management and monitoring projects. The cutting-edge system, unusual in the context of a private landowner, will allow ranch managers, visiting scientists, and others to record the locations of a variety of important ranch events and observations in a real-time, interactive system.

Historic and Cultural Preservation Project

Ranch personnel are working with local museum partners to identify and restore critical historic structures on the ranch, and catalog their significance. North Dry Fork Valley alone is home to some 18 homesteader families, and an effort to collect the stories and memories of still-living pioneers is also underway. The red-roofed, one-room schoolhouse that marks the entry to High Lonesome Ranch headquarters, will house a small museum that will showcase this important history. The museum will also tell the ongoing story of the natural history of the ranch and its conservation efforts.

Integrated Ranch Management Plan

The plan will enable better internal management of the ranch, and also allow for a collaborative approach to conservation and large-scale habitat projects, in conjunction with the neighboring public land management agency, BLM, and the state game and fish agency, CDOW.