Bison Conservation Ranching on Blue Valley Ranch

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Blue Valley Ranch

- Rocky Mountains in North-central Colorado
- 25,000-acre Ranch in Grand & Summit Counties

Land Stewardship Mission:
To demonstrate the successful integration of all system management and resource use

Management Philosophy

- Integrated Resource Management
- Adaptive Management
- Science Based
  - Building Ecosystem Resiliency
  - Monitoring Feedback
- Master Plan
  - Planning Process & Decision Making
Blue Valley Ranch Operational Centers

Wildlife & Habitat

Agricultural Production

Recreation & Guest Services

Recreation

Wildlife
Sage grouse and Sharptail Grouse

Pronghorn

Eared Grebe
Other Wildlife

Agricultural Production

Bison: 125 Head Mother Cows

Cattle: 300 Head
Black Angus Cow-Calf Operation
Horses: 32 Head
Guest Services & Working Livestock

Irrigated Forage Production
Alfalfa – 130 Acres, Grass Hay – 1,000 Acres

Conservation Initiatives
Bison: Conservation of a Species

Has Management Been Successful?

- Agricultural Production
  - Profitable & good reputation within the industry
- Recreation
  - Safe, pleasurable experience for guests
- Wildlife & Wildlife Habitat
  - Monitoring data & healthy populations
  - Best measure of success is the abundance of wildlife visible on Blue Valley Ranch at any time of the day!
Questions