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HOBSON STARTING DUDE CAMP, GREEN RIVER LAKE

Green River Lakes is a scenic spot in western Wydning that is soon to come into prominence as a tourist resort, from present appearances. Two outfits are getting ready for business there this summer, both with plans for extensive operations. Of Mr. Hobson's preparations now being made for his summer crapp, I'm Petre, Opal correspondent in the Kemmerer Gazette has this to say:

"W. N. Hobson, b.g game hunter and guide, who one year ago leared and from the forest service, on Green River lakes, and guided big goine hunting parties last fall, left Granger May 21 to open up summer camps. For the benefit of campers this seaon he has installed double room cabins, one 16-foot motor passenger boat, four row boats, with outboard motors, 40 head of well broken saddle and pack horses. Hobson has under way a large hotel to be completed in 1928. This will be one of the most up-to-date dude camps in Wyoming when completed, fully equipped to handle any large number of guests and would make an ideal summer home for Governor Emerson or President Coolidge. This camp will be open for big game season on els, moose, knountain cheep, etc. Hobson, a hunter of wide experience, in Maine and foreign countries, is a pleasant host and a square shooter. Green River lake is situated near the headwaters of Green River about 150 miles north of Opal, and lies among the prettiest scenery in Wyoming. A one highway leads to the camp. Phone and radio service keeps those miles from the railroad in touch with the outside world."

inedale Hound Up June 9, 192

GREEN RIVER LAKE LODGE WILL BE POPULAR RESORT

The editor was at Green River Lake lodge over Sunday night and was much impressed with the scenic grandeur of the spot where Mr. Hobson is starting his tourist resort, and with the splendid manner in which all buildings constructed so far are built and with future plans to provide accommodations for the many who will wish to visit this wild wonderland.

The location of Mr. Hobson's lodge is in the tall pine trees on an elevated point overlooking the lake with "Old Square-Top" in the center background of the towering peaks that enclose the lakes.

Buildings are all being constructed of green peeled logs, rustic style, and contain rustic furniture made there. Two duplex cabins, 14x24 are completed and a single cabin 14x14 almost ready for occupancy. Logs are all ready to start a large building to be used for a cook house and dining room, and it is expected that this building will be completed this fall. The club room planned for construction next summer, will be a wing from the dining room of the other building.

Mr. Hobson has a good outfit of riding and pack saddles, horses and camp outfit to accommodate hunting parties and summer camping parties.

There are fine public camping places adjoining Mr. Hobsen's grounds and these are being extensively used this summer in the absence of cabin accommodations at the lodge, of which there will be more next summer if plans materalize.

In 1926, W.N. Hobson acquired a lease from the U.S. Forest Service for land on Green River Lakes. In 1928, Green River Lake Lodge dude ranch operations began, managed by Hobson.

KENDALL KOLUMN

January 26, 1931

Jeannette Showers has been absent from school the past week, due to having the mumps.

H. E. Klein was a visitor in this section the last of the week.

Spencer Reynolds visited friends in this section several days this week.

Mike O'Black was a visitor at Spencer Hecox's Saturday.

Ted Dew and Spencer Reynolds visited at W. P. Dew's Friday.

Mr. Hebson and sister made a trip to Green River Lake with a car last week which is very unusual for this time of year. Chips to Fly Soon at Green River Lake Lodge

Mr. Hobson of Green River Lake Lodge is here gathering up his crew expecting to go to the lake tomorrow and start chips to flying. The lodge is booked full for July and August and he expects to have everything in perfect order by June. The lodge is to be called Gannet Peak Lodge from now on.

April 16, 193

April 30, 193,

Mr. Decker of Salt Lake is spending some time at Green River lake. Mr. Decker is very interested in getting the Gannet Peak Lodge all ship-shape for the busy summer.

W. N. Hobson of the Gannett Peak lodge, Green River lake, was a business visitor to Pinedale Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Hobson are now at the lodge for the summer and further improvements are being made to care for the large tourist business in prospect there for the summer.

When Hobson was unable to meet financial obligations during the Depression, Stanley Decker, a Utah banker and partner with Hobson, assumed complete ownership of the Green River Lake Lodge. Decker incorporated the lodge into the Gannett Peak (or G-P Bar) Ranch.

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Pinedale Roundup November 5, 1931

DEMPSEY PARTY GET TWO MOOSE

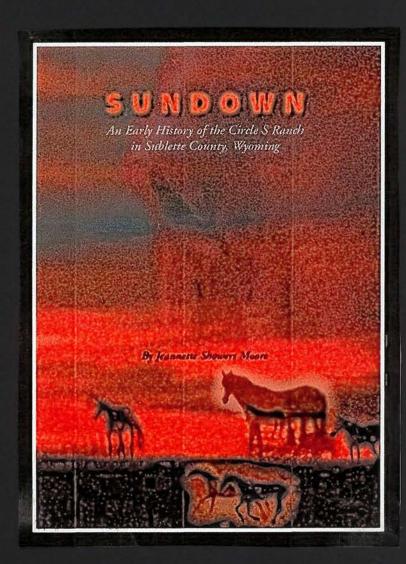
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Governor Balzar was compelled to guit the hunt and proceed to Fortland, where he is attending a western land, where he is attending this week.

Accompanied by Matt Penrose, war. Accompanied by Matt Penrose, war. den of the Nevada State Penitentiary, he arrived in Kemmerer Saturday by motor for Portland (allowing only two days for the lengthy overland journey).

The remainder of the party, including Dempsey, emerged from the hills Monday morning last, and hurried to Salt Lake. The party, in two large cars, arrived in Kemmerer late in the afternoon, but stopped only lung enough to obtain gas, after which they detoured via Granger to avoid the greasy roads, due to the storm, leading south and west of this city. Dempsey was elated over his getting a moose, and felt in fine spirits on his arrival here. He had to make a visit to Salt Lake and Reno before proceeding to Chicago, where he was due to arrive November 1.

Stanley Decker, proprietor of Gannett Peak ranch, who was host to the distinguished party, accompanied Dempsey to Salt Lake, He will not return to the ranch this winter, the season having been formally closed at the famous dude ranch several weeks before the arrival of the hunter. W. H. Showers, one of the caretakers of the ranch, drove a truck as far as Kemmerer bearing the moose, which were shipped by rail from this point. When Dempsey arrives in Chicago be will confer with J. J. Johnston, Medison Square Garden promoter, selative to a bout with either Victorio Campalo or Primo Carners, leading up to a championship match, if he so desires,-Kemmerer Gagette.



SUNDOWN: An Early History of the Circle S Ranch in Sublette County, Wyoming

Published by Jeanette Showers Moore in cooperation with the Sublette County Historical Society, 2007

Notes from Chapter 23

In Spring 1931, Jeannette's parents Florence and William Showers went to work for the GP Bar. Her older brother Harold had already done some logging work for GP, and now more guest cabin construction was getting underway. Mr. Showers was manager overseeing construction, and the Mrs. was cook for the crew and anyone else who happened along. Jeannette, aged 13, came along as go-fer running errands for Mom and being chief dishwasher.

The Showers family had sleeping quarters upstairs in the Lodge building, the only two-story structure at the Ranch. Later that spring, Wally Knutson was hired on as handyman, his wife Marge as assistant cook, and accompanying them was daughter May, about Jeannette's age.

During the summer, the GP Bar crew consisted of 15 or more people including two girls that cleaned cabins and waited table. The Decker family of 6 added to that number and the dudes amounted to forty people during the summer. Meals were served family style. With the cups and saucers, soup bowls, bread and butter plates and dessert dishes, there were gobs of dishes. The waitresses did the glasses and silverware and there was plenty for everybody to wash.

This chapter about the GP Bar also includes some good little stories about orphan bear cubs, horse wrangling chores and more. Here are some pages of this wonderful book. The book in its entirety is for sale at the Museum of The Mountain Main, Pinedale, Wyo.



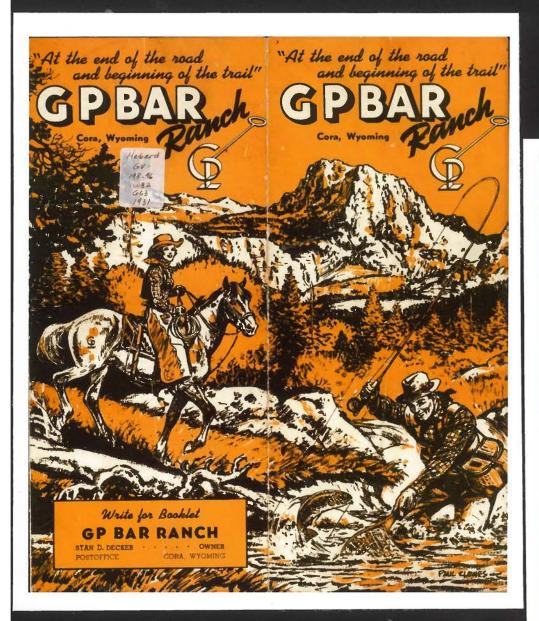
The Lodge at the GP Bar Ranch.

Evenings after the dinner was over and the chores done, chore boys, wranglers and all of the girls were still chuck-full of energy and we were always finding something to do to spend the evenings. We rode horses on the mountain trails until dark most evenings, but rainy nights we spent in the Commissary drinking pop, playing the nickel slot machine, and just "hanging out." There were souvenirs, pop, candy and gum, knick-knacks and riding gear. May and I were the youngest and sometimes we didn't fit in too well with the older kids' games, so we did our young stuff.

Mom did have a little leisure time, with Marge to take a share of the kitchen work, so in the afternoon she visited with the ladies and played some bridge with them. In spite of the long hours and hard work, she enjoyed the people and the recreation. The dude ladies went for horseback rides and did a little fishing, but enjoyed



My first job, at age thirteen, was dishwasher at the Gannett Peak (GP Bar) Ranch in 1931. The small log building on the right is the dining room and kitchen for the hired help. The lodge is the larger building to the left.



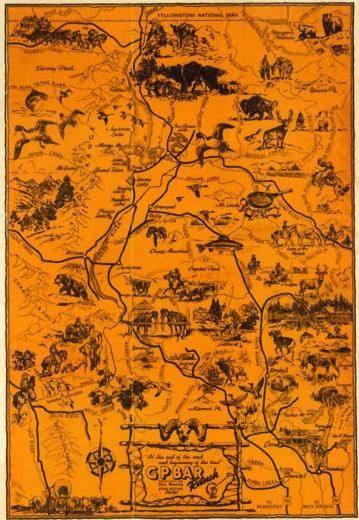
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1931 GP Ranch Folded Brochure

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ERE'S your vacation-land . . a vast primitive area that is still the "Wild West." Seclusion and rest, leisurely play or strenuous sports . . it's all here and in such profusion of scenery and activity that you never reach the end of excitement and thrills. If your appetite is jaded and your nerves tangled, life at GPBAR Ranch will make you over! You'll go back to your labor convinced that your vacation has been the most profitable investment you ever made.



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1931 GP Ranch Folded Brochure - Centerfold

All the comforts of Home



The youngsters have as much fun as the grownups . swimming, boating and riding gentle horses. For camera shots that you'll prize through the years, come prepared with plenty of film. Both scenic and human interest subjects challenge your skill.

Unsurpassed Scenic Beauty

Rugged mountains, crystal streams, glacial lakes and untouched regions of forests and flowers, abounding in fish and wild game . . . far remote from the habitations of men . . . at a mile-and-a-half elevation . . . describes the setting of this beautiful and restful vacation place. America offers no finer attraction for men and women who love to be in the heart of a wilderness.



Even the novice can fill his creel in the streams and lakes of this remote mountain country . . . while the expert angler can match his skill against the wariness of the elusive "big fellows" in the more remote spots.

GP BAR Ranch. located on beautiful Green River Lake, on the fringe of the Bridger primitive area in the Wyoming National Forest, is the perfect place for rest and recreation. If you love to revel in the beauties and novelties of Nature, here you have them on a vast scale and in endless variety. Lovely fresh water lakes, with facilities for boating, are only a stone's throw away. Streams for fishing are everywhere.

The chief diversion is, of course, horseback riding—for GPBAR Ranch is typically "western," with real cowboys, wrangling paraphernalia, and scores of well-trained mounts. You can select a saddle that fits, a horse you like and ride any one of the many charted trails. Pack trips can be arranged, with excellent auide service and comping outlits.



in the Heart of a Wilderness

GP BAR Ranch is equipped to take care of 35 guests. It offers every confort and convenience of the better hotels or clubs. The meals are excellent, cooked in the true ranch style, with an abundance of fresh milk and cream from the ranch dairy, fresh butter, eggs and vegetables.

The Ranch furnishes all equipment for hunting parties, excepting rifles, ammunition and hunting license. If lishing is your sport, come prepared to cost for Rainbow, Eastern Brook, Cut Throat Golden Grayling and German Brown Trout. The lakes and streams are many and "the big fellows" are always abundant.

Our railway station is Rock Springs and Kemmerer, Wyoming. Ranch cars will meet you by appointment.



Green River Lake . . . Old Square Top in the background.

Many guests of **GP BAR** sign up for a pack trip, losing themselves for a few days in a distant wilderness, well "chaperoned" by experienced guides and wranglers, roughing it in ease, enjoying good meals and sleeping on fine beds under the stars or in cozy tents.



Ready to turn a wild one out of the chutel

There's the real atmosphere of the Old West at this lamous Ranch.. pole corrals, spirited horses, the snap of leather and the drawl of western cowboys. It's fun merely to be an on-looker when the horses are being saddled—but it's more fun to get astride and ride one!



G P BAR Ranch Cabins are planned and furnished to be in keeping with the picturesque environment. The beds are luxuriously soft and immaculately fresh and clean. There are electric lighting and modern plumbing, with baths and shower baths available to all quests.

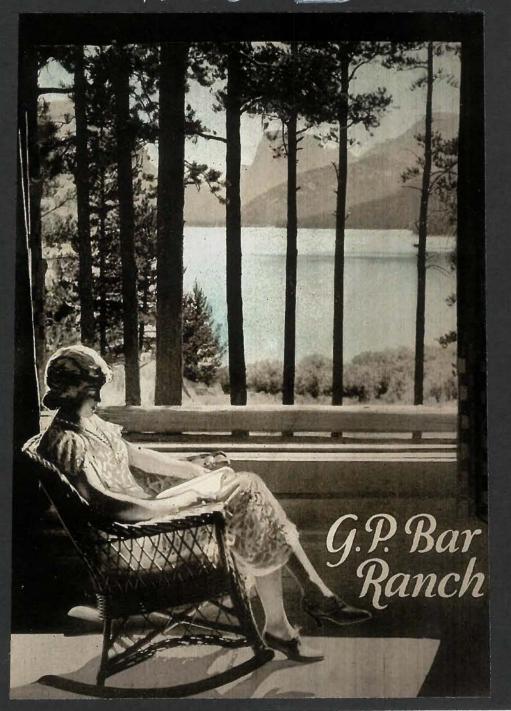
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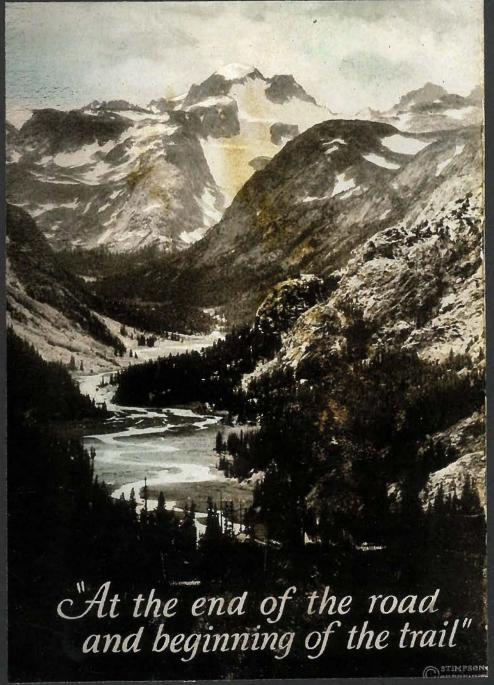
The main Ranch House and Trading Post is the center of all social activity. Here you get your mail, make telephone calls, purchase the incidentals you need or mingle with friends. The cabins are all conveniently located with reference to this delightful rendezvous. The spacious Ranch House is everybody's "home"—and half the pleasure of your stay centers around it!

Wild life is everywhere encountered along the lakes, in the forests and high on the mountain sides of the G P BAR Ranch country. Elk, deer, mountain sheep, and many varieties of feathered game are "at home" up here,



1933 G.P. Ranch booklet - covers







Speciousness and Privacy with Individual Cabins.

C.P. BAR RANCH is one of the most outstanding summer ranch resorts in the state of Wyoming. Its excellent accommodations and service are contrasted by the rugged out-of-door life. Here one may enjoy the splendid summer climate, entering into the healthful ranch activities, yet living comfortably as at home.

Scenically, the country around G. P. Bar Ranch is ideal. Located in the Wyoming National Forest, deep in the heart of the Rockies, lies a region of unsurpassed beauty—"At the end of the road and the beginning of the trail." It is the "Lest Frontier," far from the beaten path, a land of unchanged beauty. A country without fences; the great open range where cowboy and Indian still ride the trail.

Nature has been lavish with her gifts to this region; dawn flaming over the hills in spectacular glory, ushering a new day in which one marvels at Nature's own. Snow-capped mountains, beautiful valleys; boundless forests of spruce and pine; here imbedded as a jewel, lie Green River Lakes (the source of the historical Green River), which mirror and reflect the magnificent dignity of Old Square Top Mountain, towering thirteen thousand feet, capped with perpetual ice and snow. Nature's Sculptors, the mighty glaciers, send down their torrents of crystal water in streams which feed the lakes.

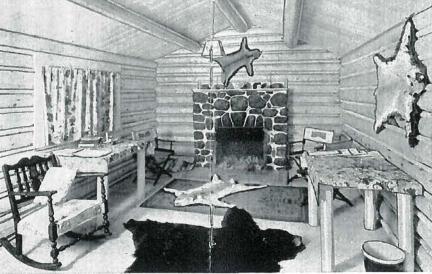
The ranch "outfit" will leave nothing undone to make your visit healthful and happy, and when you leave, like many others, you will often be reminded of the days spent here, and will recall the pleasant companionships, evening campfires along the creek bottoms, dewy mornings on high plateaus, the smell of sage and pine, sunlit days, nights where stars are close and friendly, memories of a favorite horse.



Rustic Comfort is the Keynota at G. P. Bar Ranch House.

AMERICA'S LAKE LOUISE - NATURE'S PLAYGROUND











(Upper)—A Boy's Haven
(Center)—A Nice Catch
(Right)—At the Corrals



(Upper)—Branding Calves (Center)—Throwing a Horse for Branding (Left)—Starting a Day of Real Sport



(Upper Center) — View of Living Room, Guest Cabins



House is the

STORE

The trading post or store, houses the office and will provide necessities, tobaccos, cigarettes, candies, ammunition, fishing tackle, camera accessories, and drug sundries; various other miscellaneous items can be purchased here.

MEDICAL AID

An experienced physician or trained nurse is available at the ranch during the guest season. Telegrams or telephone calls are sent to Rock Springs, Wyoming, and are telephoned from there to the ranch. Mail or parcel post should be addressed to G. P. Bar Ranch, Cora, Wyoming.

MOTOR CAR TRANSPORTATION

Motor cars and drivers, for short trips, or to Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, Jackson Hole and other points of interest, are provided for the use of the ranch guests, at a reasonable charge.

HOW TO GET TO THE RANCH

Our railroad station is Rock Springs, Wyoming, on the Union Pacific System, providing excellent service from Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha, Twin Cities, Ogden, Salt Lake City, Denver and Pacific Coast points. From Rock Springs by motor stage over Hoback Canyon Highway to Pinedale, then ranch cars to G. P. Bar Ranch.

Ranch cars will meet you at Rock Springs by arrangement. Any Union Pacific, Chicago & Northwestern or Wabash ticket agency will give detailed information as to reduced fare round-trip tickets on sale from approximately May 31st to September 30th, good returning until November 15th.

Rates at G. P. Bar Ranch include lodgings, meals, saddle horses, saddlery, use of boats and guide service for short trips. In applying for reservations, please advise the number in your party and the proposed length of your visit. An exchange of references is desirable.

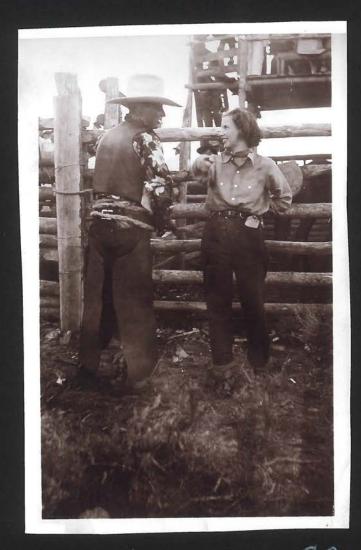


The Moose is Quickly

In 1937, Margaret Henderson worked for the GP Bar ranch as a cook's assistant. In the process, she took many trail rides all over that country. Captions are inscribed on the front of the photographs in her album, and some are hard to read because she used white ink.

Margaret was born in 1917 in Malad, Idaho, and graduated from Albion Normal School in June 1936. At that time, Albion was one of the two State - established teacher training schools in Idaho. Evidently she chose to be a cowgirl for awhile instead of a teacher. These photos were provided by her daughter Janet Wilcox of Blanding Utah.



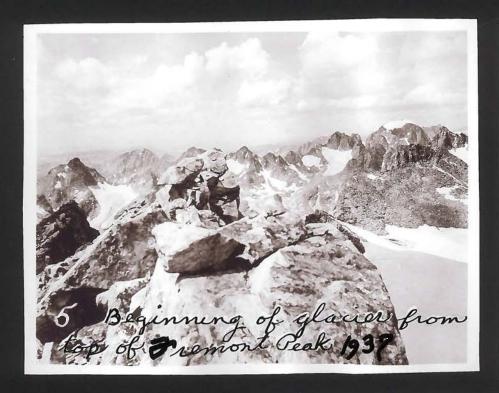


Margaret Henderson at GP





Elk Bill at the GP Lodge







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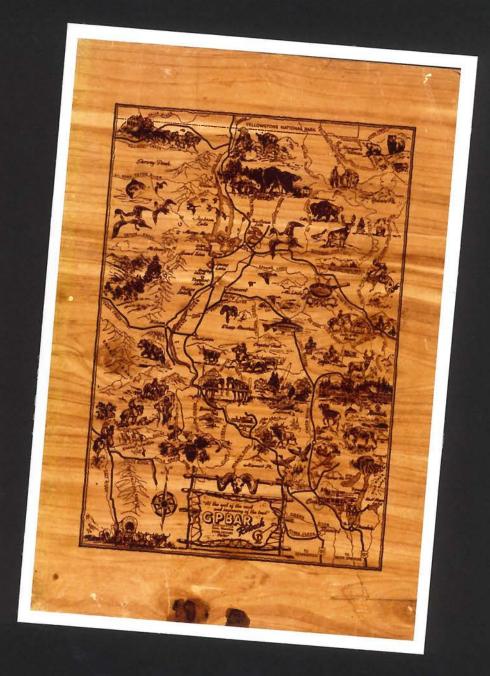




Margaret Henderson photos

1941 Booklet covers







Stan D. Decker Sr.



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1941 Booklet pages

Something to talk

New experiences, laughter and friendship are all part of a vacation at the G P Bar. We might spend the day at the round-up to see the cattle branded. The skillful roping of the cowboys, midst the bellowing cows and calves, indeed adds color to the day. If you like a cold plunge in the water, the lake and sandy beach are just right. Often you like to go boating after swimming, to have a campfire dinner at the opposite end of the lake, to return in the moonlight which glitters on the water. One doesn't say much about the moon when it rises over Square Top: there just aren't words to express it.



THE ROUNDUP BEFORE BRANDING



about

What is really enjoyable is to visit the cow-camp and have dinner with the cowboys at the "chuck wagon." Food will never be so good and the evening. provided with songs from the cowboys will be a happy one for you . . . "Sage brush polo" is something you will find a great deal of fun. It was originated by college polo-players and cowboys, so as you may well imagine, the game has its own definite tang: you'll love it . . . Of course there are outstanding fishing trips, hikes, bonfires on the lakeshore, horseback riding by moonlight, dances in the evening if you like and well, there is always enjoyment at G P Bar which is your home while you're there.



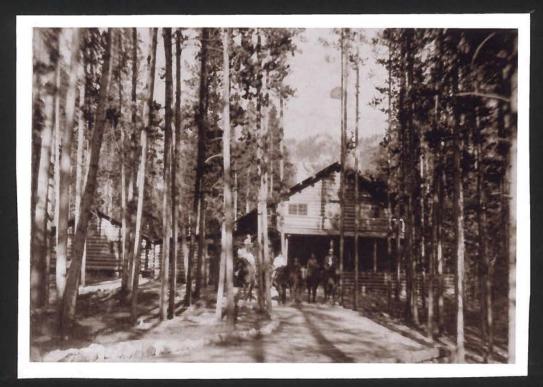
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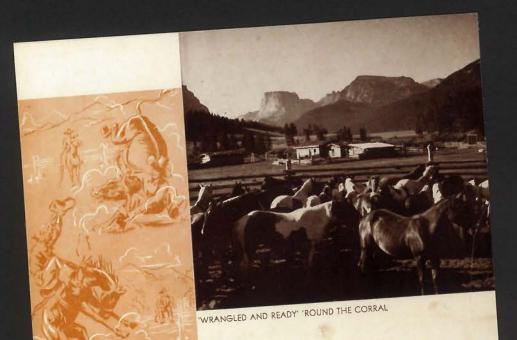
Riders at the GP Lodge (1941 booklet)

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Relaxing at the GP Lodge

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Across the river and out of the pines stands the GP Bar Corral and saddle shed, where your horse is saddled for you each morning. He will be a sure footed and trail-wise animal and whether you're an inexperienced rider or an experienced one, you will find, from our eighty-five horses, just "the one" for you. Your horse will provide many pleasant memories of the ranch.

As you watch the cowboys around the corral you're sure to learn something of western horses. It is interesting to see how they are roped and trained.

The cowboys "wrangle" or "round-up" all the horses each morning to run them in the corral. Some of the guests enjoy being a wrangler themselves and experience the thrill of arising at the crack of dawn to ride the great open spaces with the cowboys in search of the "cavvy."

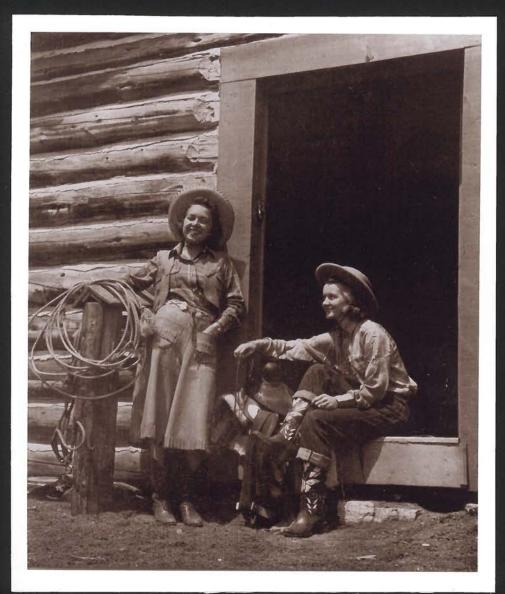
A lot of riding is done at the ranch because there is no better feeling than that of riding along the trail, completely unaware that a care exists anywhere in the world.

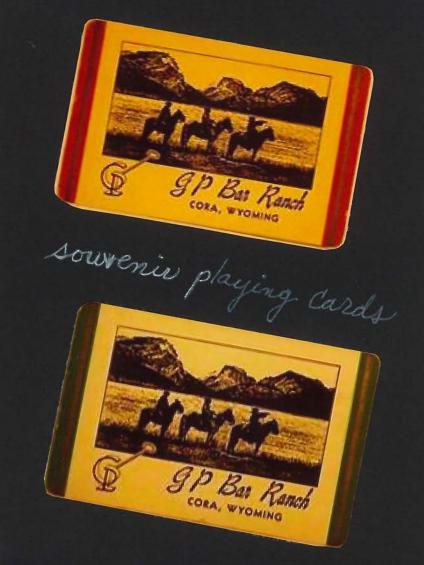


Now that you have an idea of what nature offers you, you will be interested in knowing what can be done for your enjoyment . . Our guests reside in individual log cabins of real comfort which are equipped with hot and cold water and electric lights . . . A skilled cook prepares good meals, having an abundance of fresh vegetables and fruit, and milk from the ranch dairy . . The meals are served in the ranch house, where everyone gathers for sociability and entertainment . . You will be pleased to know that your beds are of the very finest, that all your furnishings are made for true comfort and that, although you are situated in the heart of the wilderness, every comfort of home is combined with primitive nature.









Corral Interest (1941 fooklet)

Image courtesy Emmett D. Chisum Special Collections, University of Wyoming Libraries GV198.96.W82 G63 1941 The house was built in the early '50s by Harrower and Taylor Contractors, later known as Highland Lumber Co. of Pinedale, for Stan Decker, owner of the GP Bar Ranch. Stan and Jim Harrower were quite good friends. Jim had extensive knowledge of the area and the rest of the Wind River range, having worked for the Forest Service and spent a great deal of time on the mountain trails in the early '30's. Jim's sons, Bob & Jim, helped collect many of the rocks used in the house. Felix Relinger and Shorty LaBarge were two members of the work crew.

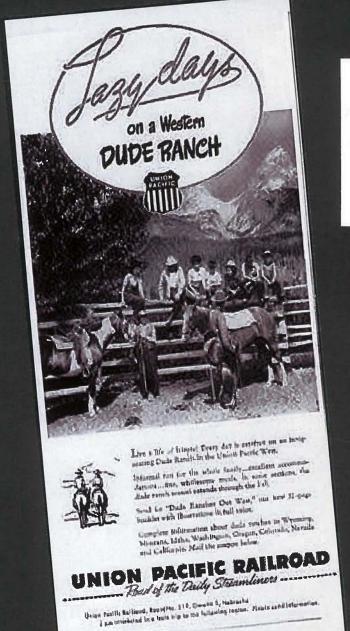
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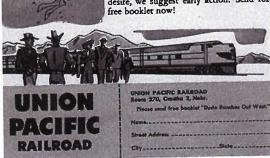
As a way of increasing their passenger traffic, railroads worked closely with the dude ranch industry since its very inception, creating and distributing attractive brochures highlighting an area's ranches.

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Enjoy a keap o'livin' on a WESTERN DUDE RANCH

This summer, step out of one way of living into another—a world of complete relaxation as big as all outdoors. A host of hospitable ranchers in the Union Pacific West invite you to incomparable regions of scenic delights, tonic sun, high-altitude "blanket" nights and fun galore for all the family.

To obtain the type of accommodations you desire, we suggest early action. Send for free booklet now!





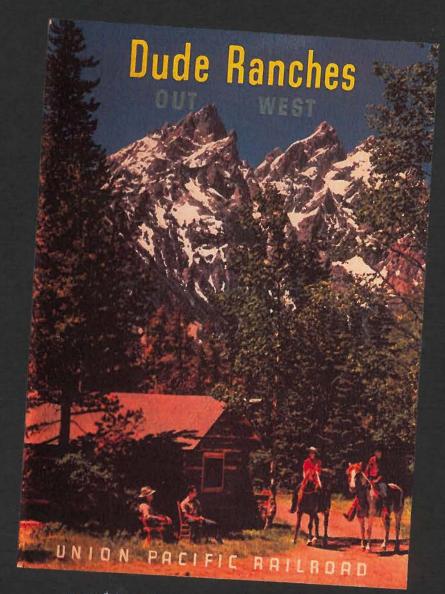
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Dude ranches arose in the American West beginning about 1880. They grew in popularity after World War I, spurred by postwar prosperity, the rise of the automobile and the appearance of Western movies on the screen. By 1930 dude ranching was a prominent industry in the West, dominated by the 100-plus establishments in the state of Wyoming.

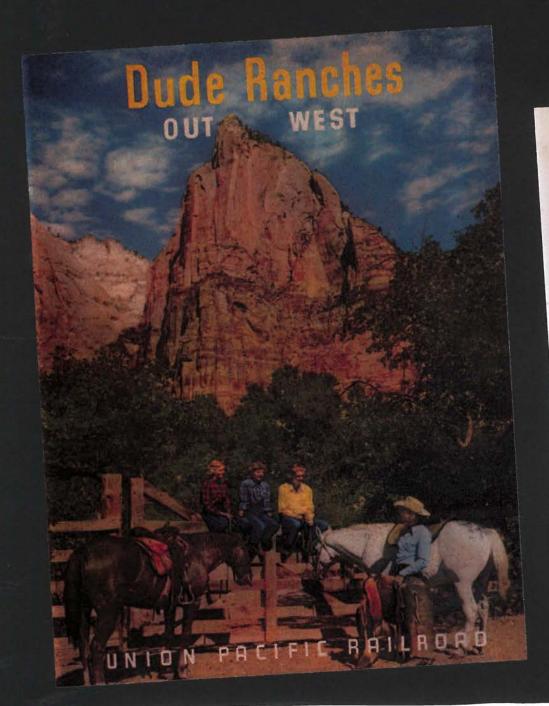
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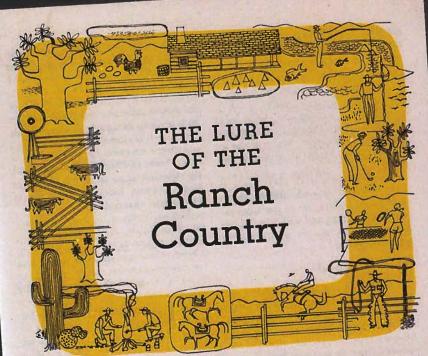
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The "Dude Ranch" vacation, annually becoming more popular, is as much a part of Americana as the Pony Express and Wells Fargo. Shortly after the turn of the century, some of the ranches in the Union Pacific West began accepting "paying guests" during the summer months. These "guests" in many instances, were people whose nerves had frayed and grown weary of the bustle and din of city life, and who, through mutual friends, arranged to take advantage of the delightful informality of ranch life, and the dry, clear, exhilarating air of the western country. Out of these beginnings have evolved the dude

ranches of today, where the visitor is still a guest in the home of the rancher. For this reason, most ranchers insist on exchanging references with prospective parrons.

Practically every section of the West has its quota of these dude ranches offering all degrees of comfort and accommodations. Some have elaborate modern facilities, while others offer a more-or-less "rough and ready" ranch life.

Visitors or guests at these ranches are affectionately referred to as "dudes," hence "dude ranch" — a ranch where "dudes" are entertained. Many eastern

families have for years been spending their vacations at these ranches, as they prefer this type of vacation to all others.

Each ranch has its "brand" which is a letter, insignia, or often the initials of the owner. It is a mark which is "branded" or burned into the hides of all the stock on the ranch for the purpose of identification. Many of the individual ranch brands are shown in this book.

A dude ranch is an ideal place to make new and congenial friends, for, as was stated before, most ranchers exchange references and will take in only folks of good character who get along well with others.

What to Expect

No two ranches are alike. Some are large "operating" ranches where cattle are "run" and ranching is carried on the year 'round regardless of guests. Another type is especially planned for visitors during the summer. Still another is the mountain "lodge" or "resort" where perhaps fishing might be fea-

Practically all ranches charge by the week, which charge includes your cabin or room accommodations, your meals, saddle horse (in some cases quoted extra) and all the numerous services which the ranch furnishes in order to make your stay both comfortable and interesting. It is, in fact, an "all-expense" proposition and should be considered in that light.

A dude ranch vacation usually includes a lot of horseback riding along scenic mountain trails, and in addition

fishing, swimming, dancing, picnicking, moonlight rides to steak fries and wiener roasts, chuck-wagon dinners, and in general entering into the life of a real western cattle ranch. For the elderly or the not-so-ambitious type, most ranches have inviting lounges with library, radio, (television in some areas), and broad, sun-swept verandas for just "raking it easy." Some ranches arrange automobile sight-seeing trips to near-by spots of scenic interest, Indian reservations, or rodeos held round-about.

The food served on a western dude ranch is plain, well-cooked and in ample portions. It cannot be likened to a hotel or summer resort in this respect for western appetites call for something quite substantial. Guests are usually served "family" style. The ranch truck garden provides fresh vegetables for the table and the dairy herd furnishes an abundance of rich milk. Some ranches supply their own beef. After a day in the open you'll find yourself "stowing away" this wholesome ranch food like one of the regular "hands."

In the evening there is likely to be informal entertainment, card games, singing and dancing in the central lodge. On many ranches, Saturday night is the night to go to the neighboring town for the barn dance, and visit with wranglers and guests from other ranches.

What to Wear

Felt hats, wool shirts, khaki trousers, riding breeches or heavy slacks and stout walking shoes are about right for ranch life. The popular "Levis" (overall pants) and western boots, as well as



more elaborate western costume clothes, may be purchased at many ranches or in western towns. Keep in mind cold nights, warm mid-day sun, possible rain and snow in high altitudes, and outfit accordingly. But don't let your wardrobe bother you too much! Just keep it simple and western.

Taking the Children

Growing children thrive on the carefree, outdoor life; the delicious, wellcooked food, topped off with all the rich milk they can drink. It gives them new zest and keenness, too, so, by all means, take 'em along! Some ranches make special family rates.

Hunting and Fishing

Practically all ranches offer excellent fishing near by, or pack trips to more remote lakes and streams, if you wish. Big game hunting in season is also fea-

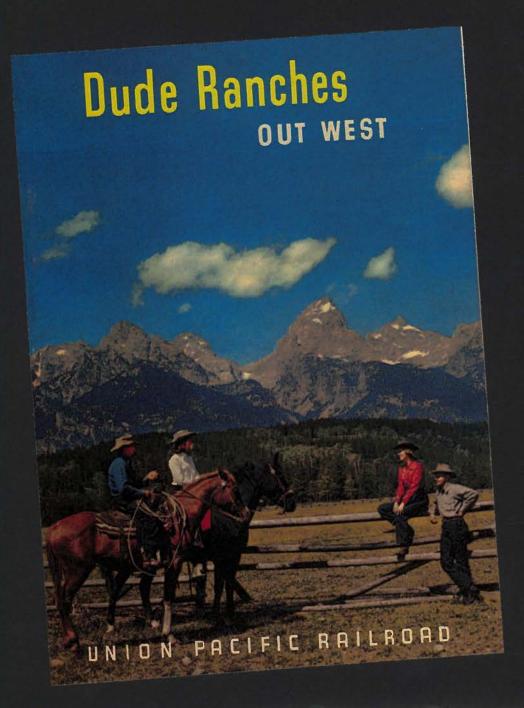
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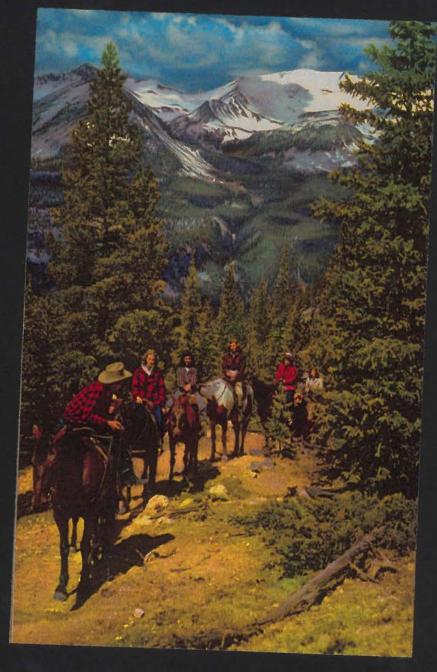
Reservations

It is advisable that you write to the ranch well in advance of your arrival to make definite reservations. When you write ask for literature as most ranch owners issue folders which contain illustrations and general information about their ranch which will assist you in reaching a decision.

Responsibility

Union Pacific believes to be reliable the statements regarding various ranches printed in this book, and they have been verified as much as possible. However, it cannot guarantee them as it has no part in the management of the ranches. Persons interested should correspond, in advance, with the ranch managers or owners who are glad to give references.





pages from 1959 Union Pacific Railroad promotional pamphlet

Wind River — Green River Ranches



Midway between Yellowstone National Park and South Pass, in west central Wyoming, the Wind River Range of the Rocky Mountains flings up its rugged crest to form what is perhaps the most dramatic wilderness remaining in continental United States. Dude ranchers in this region usually meet their guests at Rock Springs, Wyoming, on the Union Pacific.

CIRCLE S RANCH. Location: 30 miles north of Pinedale and 130 miles northwest of Rock Springs, Wyoming. Take Union Pacific to Rock Springs, where ranch car meets guests by arrangement. Elevation 7,665 feet. Season May 10 to November 10.

Accommodations: For 20 guests. Main lodge with single and double cabins; all have running water, some with private

Activities: Riding, fishing, pack trips, square dancing, selected auto trips. Big game hunting in season. Boat trips on Green River.

Rates: On application. Special rates for children. References exchanged. For information and reservations write L. W. (Bill) Isaacs, Circle S Ranch, Cora, Wyoming.

CM RANCH. Location; 5 miles from Dubois, Wyoming. Take Union Pacific C to Rawlins, Wyoming, where guests are met by appointment. Elevation 7,000 feet. June 1 to October 31.

Accommodations: For 50 to 60 people. Central lodge, separate guest cabins of one, two or three rooms each with private bath, also central bath house with tub and shower facilities.

Activities: Riding with individually assigned horses. Expert instruction as needed. Fishing, weekly rodeos, square dancing, water skiing, swimming, and big game hunting in season. Pack trips

Rates: On application, References exchanged. For information or reservations write L. E. Shoemaker, CM Ranch, Dubois, Wyoming.

FLYING A RANCH. Location: Thirty- T CROSS RANCH. Location: Fifteen five miles north of Pinedale, Wyoming. \$10.00 each way.

Accommodations: For twenty persons in log cabins accommodating two, three, or four. Bath house. Meals in main lodge. June 1 to November 1.

Activities: Riding, fishing, hunting, swimming, pack trips.

Rates: On request to Mr. Max B. Gardens, Pinedale, Wyoming. References exchanged.

G P BAR RANCH. Location: Cora, Wyo. Elevation 8,000 feet. Take Union Pacific to Rock Springs, Wyoming, where guests are met with ranch car by appointment.

Accommodations: For thirty-five guests. June 15 to October 15.

Activities: Riding, fishing, hunting in

Rates: Rates and information by request to Stan. D. Decker, Cora, Wyoming.

miles north of Dubois, Wyo., reached Elevation 8,000 feet. Take Union Pacific via Union Pacific to Rawlins or Green to Rock Springs, Wyoming, where ranch River, Wyoming. Arrangements will be car will meet guests by appointment. made for transportation of guests to the ranch. Elevation 7,900.

Accommodations: For twenty-five in one- or two-room cabins with private

Activities: Range and mountain riding, trout fishing, pack trips. June 1 to October 15.

Rates: Will be quoted on request. References furnished and asked. Write Robert S. Cox, T Cross Ranch, Dubois, Wyoming.

Z BAR U RANCH. Location: 25 miles north of Pinedale, Wyoming; 130 miles Z-U north of Rock Springs, Wyoming. Take Union Pacific to Rock Springs, thence bus. Will meet in Rock Springs by arrangement. June 1 to November 1.

Accommodations: For 25 guests. Ranch house and individual log cabins. Centrally located bath house.

Activities: Riding, fishing, swimming, rodeos, pack trips. Big game hunting in

Rates: On application. References exchanged. For information or reservations write Sidney Reynolds, Cora, Wyoming.

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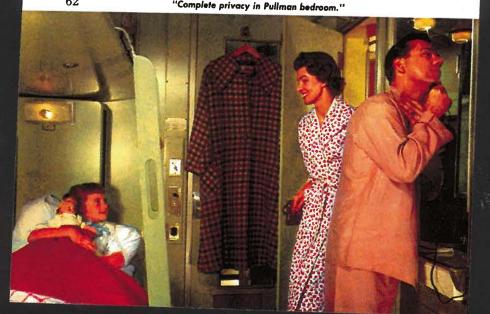
ranch of your choice meets you at the railhead for a reasonable fee (and in many cases without charge). Most ranches prefer their guests to leave their cars at home to avoid wear and tear on roads that are kept basic and even primitive to conform with the unspoiled beauty of the West, and to save you the strain of driving unfamiliar mountain country.

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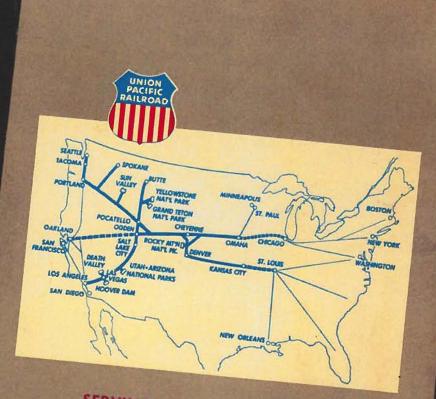




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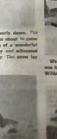
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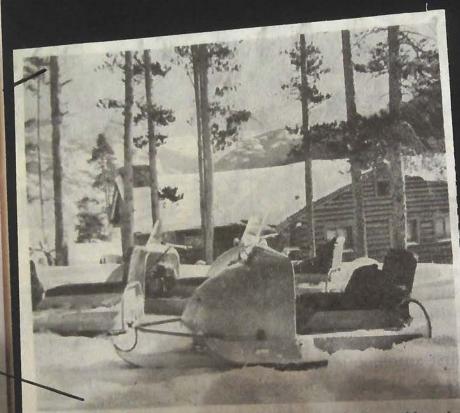












We stopped for a moment at the GP Bar Ranch. From this point one looks down on the Green River Lakes and out into the Bridger Wilderness Area.

april 16, 1964 Pinedale Round Up

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Golden Eagle Passport Funds Used to Purchase Gannet Peak Ranch Land

UW Band Concert Here Wednesday

The University of Wyoming Symphonic Band will be in Pinedale Wednesday, April 5th, where they will hold a concert in the high school gym at 8:00 p.m.

There will be an admission charge of \$1.00 for adults, 50c for high school, and 25c for grade school children. The University band travels on a partial expense basis and each community is asked to feed and house them if they must stay overnight. The admission charge is necessary to help defray expenses incurred in housing and feeding.

The program promises to be a very rewarding and entertaining and all residents are urged to attend.

Big Piney to Present All-School Play

You're sure to enjoy watching the tiny country of Grand Femwick, three miles by five The Golden Eagle Passports are now on sale in Forest Service offices of the Bridger National Forest and in the Intermountain Region. A triangular sign displaying a large golden eagle will be posted at all areas where the recreation permit is required,

Jaycees To Hold Annual Ladies Night Banquet

The Pinedale Jaycees will hold their annual Ladies Night Banquet and meeting Friday night, March 31, at 7:30 at the Pinedale VFW Club Hall.

Featured speakers at the meeting will be Clyde Wilson, Jaycee regional vice president of Evanston; Sam Ishmael, a national Jaycee director of Rawlins; and Joe Mason, state Jaycee president of Lander. Other prominent civic leaders in Pinedale have also been invited and will give short talks.

The main objective of this annual meeting is to create interest in the Jaycees and to inform the general public what the group is and what they are

This year, the new passport is a plastic coated, wallet-size card. It still sells for \$7 and will admit the purchaser and all the passengers in his car to any Federal Recreation Area where fees are required. It is a season ticket and can be used as many times and in as many areas as you wish. Single day permits may be purchased for \$1 per car instead of the yearly \$7 season ticket. Other activities such as hunting, fishing, riding or hiking in the undeveloped areas of the Forest are not affected by the charge

There are no separate user fees in effect on the Bridger National Forest,

These permits are authorized by the Land and Water Conservation Act of 1965. Money from sales helps states and their local governments to meet outdoor recreation needs. A portion of these funds are also made available for purchase of key recreational sites by government agencies. It was this money that was used to purchase the Gannet Peak Ranch at Green River Lakes, During 1966, Wyoming received \$644,043,00.

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FOREST SERVICE BUYS GP



Bridger Teton National Forest Supervisor's Office, Jackson, Wya.

1966

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Teno asks Forest Service to Save Green River Lodge

Congressman Teno Roncalio Tuesday asked the Forest Service to reconsider its plans to dispose of the Green River Lake Lodge and to auction off or demolish 15 cabins all located north of Pinedale at the head of the Green River.

Roncalio said the Forest Service plans would be to use the lodge at the sight intact for use as a visitor's center. In a letter to Forest Service Chief John McGuire, Roncalio said, "destruction of Green River Lake Lodge would result in the loss of yet another rustic site rich in the history and beauty of Wyoming". The site, cri-ginally used by Stan Decker. or the GP Bar Ranch, was purchased by the Forest Service with Golden Eagle funds for Public recreation purposes. convey or demolish this sturdy Fracture, I suggest the Forest Frace initiate a study to conthe property into a na-

tional youth camp. The cabins would accommodate 60 to 70 young people benefiting hundreds annually. Such a program would inspire the cooperation of numerous organizations including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, YMCA, and YWCA.

Roncalio said, "removal of the buildings would not be feasible because it would require destruction of surrounding large pine trees." He said, "conversion of the site to a youth camp could involve area youngsters in productive and enriching outdoor experiences." Roncalio closed his letter with a request that the matter be given top priority and that public funds not be wasted by the disposal of properry which is in good condi-

He said the area, located in Southwestern Wyoming, an outstanding scenic region, should be available for public enjoy-

Forest Service to sell log cabins at Green River

The Bridger-Teton National Forest is now accepting bids for the purchase and removal of sixteen log buildings located at Green River Lakes, some 50 miles north of Pinedale, Wyoming.

The buildings, which were once part of the old GP Bar Ranch, must be removed from National Forest land by September 30, 1974, and in accordance with Forest Service Specifications.

Bids may be submitted for one or more of the buildings which are designated for sale. Successful bids will be announced on July 1, 1974. Person's interested in purchasing these buildings should contact the Forest Service office in Pinedale or Jackson, Wyoming, for further information and bid forms.

Delayed by Forest Green River District Forest Ranger Mal Holt said that action to remove the GP-Bar buildings from the Lower Green River Lake will be delayed until next spring. Holt said that the delay

GP-Bar Decision

is in response to the request of interested citizens that alternative uses for the buildings be

Jeptember 21, 1972

The GP-Bar Ranch buildings, on the shore of Lower Green River River Lake area.

Lake, were purchased by the Government in 1966. The purpose of the purchase was to remove the buildings and return this portion of the lakeshore to general public use.

Ranger Holt stated that he would be glad to meet with any interested group or persons to considered by the Forest Service. hear their thoughts and ideas on future management of the Green

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The GP Bar

Remains of the old GP Bar stand at the head of the Upper Green River just below Squaretop Mountain.

Osban Cabins, part of the GP, in august 1983

Osborn Homestead Cabins

Robert L. Osborn, a Civil War veteran who had worked in the upper Green River area as a tie hack, moved with his wife to this property about 1899 and began homesteading. The Wyoming State Engineer's report for the years 1899 and 1900 mentions that "From Wells post office to Green River Lakes, a distance of twelve miles, there is but little irrigation, although Mr. Robert L. Osborn, whose ranch is just at the outlet of Green River Lakes, has a few ditches in use. The irrigation is for hay alone." (Wyoming State Engineer Fifth Biennial Report, 1901, p. 32) Eight years later, the State Engineer's report reflects in its Permits to Appropriate Water summary table that Robert L. Osborn was appropriated water from Mill Creek, ditch length 0.85 miles, ditch top width 3 ft, ditch bottom width 2 ft, ditch depth 1 ft, grade of 26 ft drop per mile, cost estimate of 50, irrigated acreage of 111 and completion date of 1908 (Wyoming State Engineer Ninth Biennial Report, 1908, p.98) That same year, county records show a mortgage deed loan of \$400 from the Rock Springs National Bank to Osborn, dated November 21, 1908; some six months later, on May 17, 1909, he paid back the loan. Robert L. Osborn submitted final proof for Homestead Entry 0205 on August 17, 1908, a government land survey for the homestead entry was completed October 15, 1909, and the land, consisting of ± 160 acres was patented from the government on August 4, 1911.

He apparently took into partnership or interest, undoubtedly for financial considerations, Rock Springs banker John Hay, and also Abner Luman, from Cora. Luman, the major rancher along the Green River in this area, operated the property as summer pasture in his vast ranch holdings, assuming primary ownership of the property in 1919. To meet financial obligations during the hard times of the Depression, Luman sold the private ranch on April 4, 1931 for \$4000 to the Green River Lake Lodge, a dude ranch already operating on Forest land on the west side of the river, managed by W.N. Hobson. Stanley D. Decker Jr. a Utah banker and partner with Hobson, assumed complete ownership of Green River Lake Lodge not long after. Decker incorporated this ranch with the adjoining dude operation, then called the Gannett Peak (or GP) Bar Ranch. He, as GP Bar owner, ultimately sold the private land back to the U.S. government on Dec. 8, 1966 for \$44,891; the land once homesteaded by Osborn became federal property administered by the Bridger-Teton National Forest, Pinedale Ranger District.

Recognizing the historic significance of the Osborn homestead site and the deteriorating condition of its buildings, the Forest Service implemented a major stabilization and restoration effort on the cabins in 1991.

Osborn Homestead



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Osborn Cabins

November 13, 2006

Dave Bell took this photo of the Osborn Cabins near Green River Lakes on Sunday.

The cabins are part of a homestead from the early 1900s. They later became part of the G.P. Bar Ranch, which operated as a guest ranch on the edge of Green River Lakes.



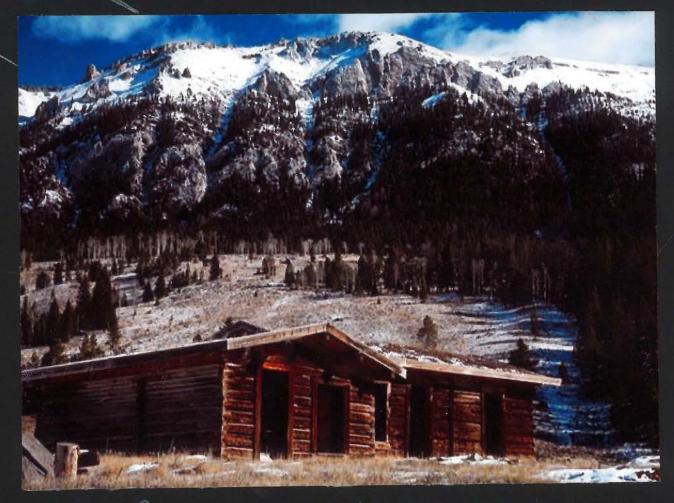
Osborn Cabin
Osborn Cabin by Green River

The land and cabins were sold to the U.S. Forest Service in 1966 Lakes, and most of the cabins were sold and removed. One of the

original cabins from the ranch still remains and can be seen near Green River Lakes Campground. It is used only occassionally as an administrative building and is not open to the public.

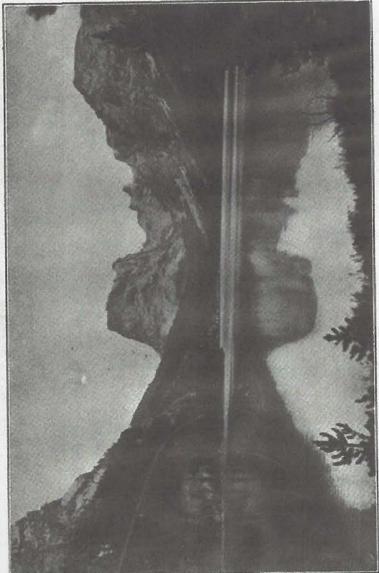
The cabin in this photo is located on the east side of the Green River near the outlet of the lake, accessible from the footbridge near the trailnead into the wilderness.

For more photos from Dave's trip to the Upper Green on Sunday, and other scenic photos of the area, see his photo gallery: Dave Bell Photo Gallery.



Dave Bell photo November, 2006

Osborn Homestead History



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is located on the East Fork of New Fork, just above the junction of that stream with New Fork River, and thirty miles from Piney Creek. The flow of East Fork at this point, on Septem-

ber 19th, was estimated at about eight second feet.

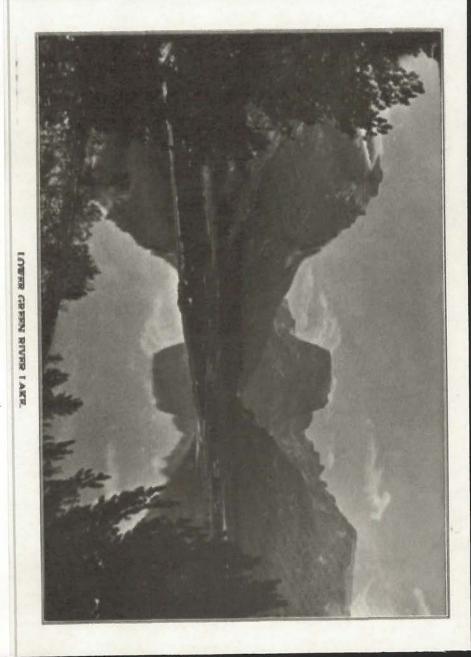
Boulder Creek, with a flow of three second feet; Fall Creek. with one-half a second foot; Pole Creek with 8.52 second feet and Pine Creek with a flow of 71.4 feet were successively crossed and gauged. Pine Creek, as the gauging shows, was far the largest of all these tributaries of New Fork from the east, a far larger and finer stream than New Fork itself, at the junction of these two streams, and should properly have been named as the principal stream. It is a roaring mountain torrent, even at the end of an unusually dry season. About five miles above the point gauged, it forms the outlet of Fremont's Lake. At Cora postoffice, about thirty-eight miles north of Piney Creek by direct stage route, New Fork carried not to exceed two second feet. It is in this section that some of the earlier appropriators were unable to secure water to which they were entitled during the past season. They appear practically unanimous in asking for an adjudication, and the matter will be laid before the Board of Control at its next meeting. Irrigation ditches obtain for about six miles above Cora postoffice, but no more were seen from Alexander to Wells, the latter being the last and farthest north of the postoffices on Green River.

From Wells postoffice to Green River Lakes, a distance of twelve miles, there is but little irrigation, although Mr. Robert L. Osborn, whose ranch is just at the outlet of Green River Lakes, has a few ditches in use. The irrigation is for hay alone.

Green River Lakes are two in number, and are situated just within the Wind River Mountains, the point where the river leaves the lower lake being also the point where it leaves the mountains. A gauging of the river, a few hundred feet below the lower lake, gave a flow of 89.4 second feet.

The scenery in the vicinity of Green River Lakes is very fine, being equalled, as is claimed by those familiar with both sections, only by that in the Yellowstone National Park, and surpassed nowhere in Wyoming. The altitude of the lakes, by aneroid, was 8,100 feet.

The examination of the streams discharging into Green River from the west was made on the return. Beaver Creek,



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Osborn Homestead Land Patent The United States of America, To all to whom these presents shall come. Greeting: LANDER 04847

has been deposited in the General Land Office, whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress of May 20, 1862, Secure Homesteads to Actual Settlers on the Public Domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of

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seconding to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land, returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the Surveyor-General: DREDIES CHAIRS TO THE PLACE OF SECULAR ACRES, AND SEVENTY-FOUR-HUNDREDTHS ACRES, the tract of Land above described: and to the heirs and assigns of

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said claimant and to the heirs and assigns, and to the heirs and to the he rights to ditches and reservoirs used in connection with such water rights, as may be recognized and acknowledged by the local customs, laws, and decisions of courts; and there is reserved from the lands hereby granted, a right of way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States. authority of the United States.

President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I.

Patent, and the seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the City of Washington, the FOURTH in the year of our Lord one thousand

and of the Independence of the AUGUST day of ELEVEN

United States the one hundred and THIRTY-SIXTH. nine hundred and

WH. H. TAFT By the Presidents M. P. LE ROY

H. W. SANFORD.

Recorder of the General Land Office.

Secretary.

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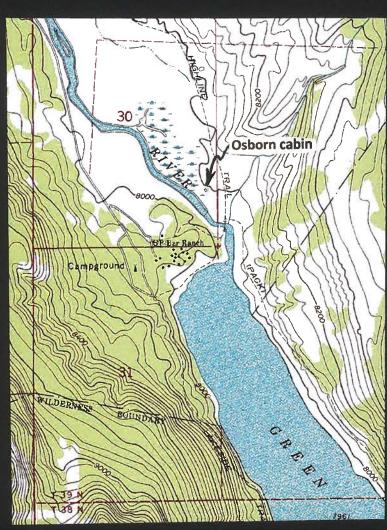
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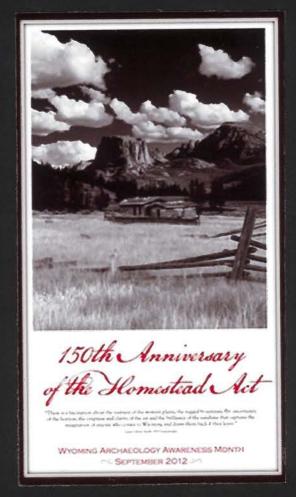
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1968 USGS 7.5 topo map. Green River Lakes, Wyo.



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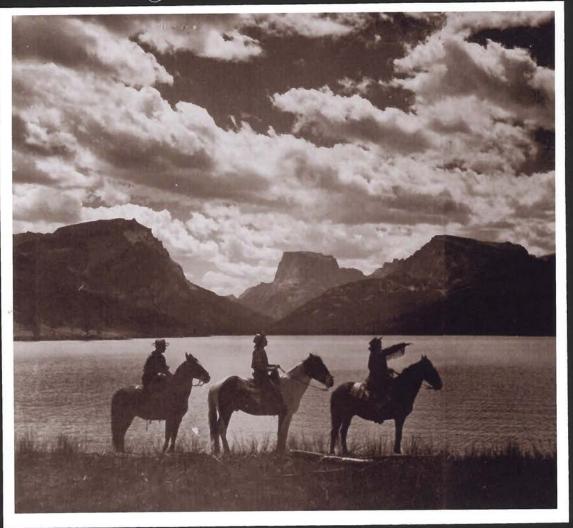


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