

Wilderness is Our Common Ground

We are business owners, teachers, hunters, leaders in our community, geologists, veterans, planners, advocates for the disabled, outdoor recreationists and ranchers.

One thing we have in common is our appreciation for the rugged prairie landscapes outside our back door.

We applaud Senator Tim Johnson's intention to introduce legislation to protect some areas on the Buffalo Gap National Grassland as wilderness, ensuring they will remain forever as they are today. We appreciate the efforts the Senator and his staff have taken to reach out to affected ranchers, local officials, hunters, motorized recreation interests, the public and other stakeholders, to gather their opinions and suggestions. This process will help shape a balanced bill that preserves a piece of our grassland heritage, as well as help to sustain a vital local economy.

Thank you Senator Johnson!

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