



AMERICAN PRAIRIE

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Dear Neighbor,






In the last couple of years, American Prairie has grown in size and in staff, and so once again we'd like to take this opportunity to connect you to our team living and working on various properties. We are now a staff of around 50, between Lewistown, Bozeman, and our field properties. This list should introduce you to key staff you are most likely to run into, or who you may wish to contact. If you cannot reach one of us, please do leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible. Also feel free to call other staff members. Often our cell phones are the most reliable way to reach us. While there are occasions when many of us are out of the immediate area on business but even then, we will respond to calls and voicemails on our cell phones as soon as possible.

Sincerely,








Damien C. Austin
Vice President and Superintendent

Field Team on the Prairie

	<p>Ellen Anderson <i>Field Project Manager</i> 406-658-2371 (home) 406-579-7638 (cell)</p>	<p>Ellen manages the restoration of native vegetation and streams, and supports bison operations. Ellen lives on the White Rock property.</p>
	<p>Lars Anderson <i>Field Project Manager</i> 406-658-2371 (home) 406-579-7544 (cell)</p>	<p>Lars oversees weed control, and manages various restoration programs, as well as maintenance of the land infrastructure, facilities, structures, grasslands, livestock, and wildlife. Lars also works with partners to monitor our conservation easements. Lars lives on the White Rock property.</p>
	<p>Damien Austin <i>Vice President & Superintendent</i> 406-208-3157 (cell)</p>	<p>Damien's responsibilities include oversight of all operations on American Prairie properties, improvement of wildlife habitat, bison management, and paleontology management. Damien also identifies and helps to develop opportunities for American Prairie to work with local communities. Damien lives on the Dry Fork property.</p>
	<p>Garrett Budds <i>Director of Land Acquisition</i> 406-380-0796 (cell)</p>	<p>Garrett handles new property purchases and oversees CRP contracts, grazing allotments with the BLM, State, and CMR, and grazing and agriculture leases to others. Garrett lives on the PN in Fergus County.</p>
	<p>Pedro Calderon-Domingues <i>Bison Operations Manager</i> 406-380-1269 (cell)</p>	<p>Pedro is now handling on the ground bison operations following Scott Heidebrink's move to Lewistown. Pedro primarily directs daily operations for the bison restoration program, infrastructure, facilities, fencing and habitat. He supervises the team responsible for bison restoration and operations. Pedro is the primary contact for fencing or bison escapes. He lives on the Dry Fork property.</p>

	Travis Flach <i>Maintenance Specialist</i> 406-599-8197 (cell)	Travis oversees facilities, landscapes, vehicles and equipment, as well as the daily work of Field Technicians. Travis also assists with habitat restoration and public relations. He lives at the Sun Prairie North Property.
	Henry Hvizdos <i>Bison Specialist</i> 406-599-8003 (cell)	Henry provides support for the bison program, including fencing, habitat maintenance, herd monitoring and handling. His time is spent doing fence and bison facility maintenance and he is one of the primary contacts for bison escapes. Henry lives on the Sun Prairie North property.
	Linda Jeschke <i>Director of Property and Assets</i> 406-301-2294 (cell)	Linda manages vehicles, buildings, and equipment – as well as people—to keep everything and everyone in good working order. She lives with her husband, Dan Stevenson, on the Blue Ridge property.
	Danny Kinka <i>Sr. Wildlife Restoration Manager</i> 406-579-6677 (cell)	Danny's primary responsibilities are restoring and monitoring wildlife on American Prairie properties and Wild Sky ranches, as well as acting as a liaison to neighbors, science partners, and others. Danny lives on the Sun Prairie property.
	Dan Stevenson <i>Safety Manager</i> 406-301-0103 (cell)	Dan also assists with wildlife restoration projects and outreach to emergency services providers. He lives with his wife, Linda Jeschke, on the Blue Ridge property.

In and around Lewistown

	Katy Beattie <i>Wild Sky Specialist</i> 406-380-0167 (cell)	Katy collaborates with ranchers and landowners around American Prairie properties to increase toleration and habitat for wildlife, including direct payments for conservation initiatives and wildlife documented on camera traps.
	David Cunningham <i>Director of the National Discovery Center</i> 406.380.2122 (cell)	David oversees the Lewistown center's operations as well as educational programming for the public.
	Scott Heidebrink <i>Director of Bison Restoration</i> 406-589-6220 (cell)	Scott is now based in Lewistown, where he works with neighbors, agencies, tribes, and other partners around bison and setting long-term goals and strategic direction for bison restoration.
	Mike Kautz <i>Director of Public Access & Recreation</i> 406-599-0794 (cell)	Mike is frequently in the field working on management of our hut system and campgrounds. Mike also develops recreation opportunities ranging from biking and hiking, to hunting and wildlife watching. Mike is the contact for FWP, and any hunting or public access inquiries.
	Dusty Rixford <i>Education Coordinator</i> 406-595-2209 (cell)	Dusty manages American Prairie's Field School, and can frequently be found at the Antelope Creek Campground during the month of May. She also hosts school group visits and designs educational opportunities for our local communities.
	Beth Saboe <i>Sr. External Relations Manager</i> 406-600-4906 (cell)	Beth manages media relations, strategic communications, and outreach for American Prairie, and is sometimes in the field with reporters and media representatives.
	Corrie Williamson <i>Sr. Outreach Manager</i> 406-380-2344 (cell)	Corrie works as a liaison to neighbors, NGO's, agencies, local government representatives, and nearby Indigenous communities. She serves on the planning committee for the CMR Working Group, hosts listening sessions, and runs our Field Notes Local Newsletter.