

Grant-Kohrs Ranch

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Fee Demonstration Projects

Over the last ten years, Grant-Kohrs Ranch has had good fortune in securing 20% money from the Fee Demonstration program to complete a number of critical maintenance backlog projects that are highly visible to the visiting public. The most recent project includes the completion of replacement fencing, sheds, barns, cross pieces, gates and structures on the Warren Ranch feedlot complex. In 2003, the Warren Ranch was placed on the National Register, putting it on an equal level with the older Kohrs Ranch, and allowing staff to program monies for historic preservation projects.

In 2004, \$109,000 was used to restore the entire working area of the Warren Ranch, in such a way as to allow the park to effectively use 8 feedlots, corrals and pastures for calving, winter feeding and summer herd work, for the first time in 30 years. This has resulted in better livestock care, fewer birthing injuries, more satisfied visitors and efficiencies in staff practices. Visitors can now be safely directed to this portion of the ranch to observe ranch practices up close and personal. Work crews included the Montana Conservation Corps and park staff.

Total Fee Demo allocations for 1997-2007 approximate \$ 1,761,000.

FY2007 included:

- * \$159,000 to re-build three historic bridges that cross the Clark Fork River.
- * \$32,600 to complete a roof on the main ranch house.
- * \$80,000 to fix 10 miles of historic fencing using Public Land Corps crews

Past projects include:

Stabilizing the lower buggy shed on the historic Kohrs Ranch, restoring the tin roofing on the main house exterior porch, building the Museum Storage Facility, replacing the roof of the main house and restoring the grounds, restoring the cattle cars exhibit, and restoring the Thoroughbred barn. Future requests include key interpretive needs like resurfacing a major trail, and developing protective casing for a prime wagon exhibit



65 cow/calf pairs, 18 heifers, 5 bulls, 4 steer and 12 horses and guest livestock can now use restored feedlots with replaced sheds, feed bunks, fences, 37 gates, crossbars and posts. This gets them out of sensitive wetlands, allows for a safer calving season and gives the visitor immediate and safe access to the livestock, during times when pasture is unavailable.