



Ranching Seminar

October 2nd - 6th 2018



Well-known bison ranching pioneer Ken Klemm and internationally-recognized Holistic Management consultant and educator Kirk Gadzia offer here a unique opportunity to learn cutting-edge management practices and a behind the scenes look at a well-established bison and cattle ranch in NW Kansas. This year we offer two tracks packed-full of information and *hands-on* experiences.

101 Track: Intro to Holistic Management and Bison (Tuesday thru Thursday Morning)

Tuesday: A full day of Holistic Management instruction with Kirk and Ken. Holistic Management is most easily defined by simply adding **W** to the word holistic. This describes what the process does - helps us manage **Whole** situations rather than perceived parts. Managing the whole gives better results and fewer unexpected problems. Many publications today are filled with gloomy forecasts about agriculture and the environment. Yet, there are few who offer realistic solutions that strengthen both our economy and communities. To reverse this trend, we must do it with people already on the land. Holistic Management gives human values a priority, while creating profit through proven financial planning procedures and ecosystem enhancement techniques.

Upon completion of the day, you can expect to have a clear introduction of how to put the principles of Holistic Management into practice to achieve your goals. Understanding and managing the ecosystem is emphasized, as well as the tools available to you to influence your financial, land and people resources. You will also be introduced to specific techniques you need to help you significantly improve your ability to make better decisions in your business.

Wednesday: All day with Ken and Kirk doing actual rangeland monitoring on well-established, real-world monitoring transects. See how Holistic Management principles have almost tripled the stocking rate of this ranch and greatly increased the biological diversity and health of the land.

Thursday Morning: The class will be split. One group will spend time in the field with Ken learning the ins and outs of bison management, pasture fence and corral design and construction. Hint: Pasture fence, if done right, is low cost and very effective. Also, Ken will share the why and the how of his co-grazing of cattle and bison. Also, see the results of 15+ years of cover-crop research, its application and farmland soil regeneration progress. This will be a show-all, tell-all time to learn and shorten your learning curve.

The second group will be with Kirk learning perhaps one of the most important facets of Holistic Management – decision making. Each group will then switch to learn the other offering.

201 Track: Advanced Holistic Management Instruction (Thursday Afternoon thru Saturday Morning)

Thursday Afternoon: A warm up with a Holistic Management and bison review by Kirk and Ken.

Friday: Dive deep into actual pasture, grazing, and financial planning with Kirk. Bring your numbers and maps of your land or learn from others. After this day you will be well on your way to becoming a proficient land and business manager.

Saturday Morning: If you are coming just for the 201, this is your chance to tour the ranch with Ken and get a full overview.

- 8:00 am start times all days
- Noon – 1:00 pm: Lunch Provided (Hint: It won't be chicken)

Lodging is \$75/night/room: Two beds per room with shared bathrooms. Clean, simple, rural and very comfortable. We have limited lodging here at the ranch in our Prairie Lodge and will be available on first-come first-serve basis. Overflow can be lodged at the equally-nice neighboring Kuhrt Ranch Lodge or a number of hotels in town. Quite often the fellowship and contacts made "outside" the scheduled time is just as valuable as the scheduled time itself.

Cost: Track one only - \$700 per person/\$600 for the second person from the same ranch. Track two only - \$700/\$600. Both tracks - \$1300/\$1100. Continental breakfast and delicious lunch are included each day. Dinner is on your own. Goodland is 18 miles away.

*Transportation to the seminar is **not** included, however, Goodland has a first-class private airport and we can pick you up. Transportation while at the seminar **is** included.*

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