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### **AMERICAN COWBOY MAGAZINE ANNOUNCES TOP TWENTY PLACES TO LIVE THE WEST**

Boulder, CO, February 25, 2008—Where are the top places to live if you are an active Western lifestyle enthusiast looking for a place to plant your feet and put down roots? *American Cowboy*, America's most widely read Western lifestyle magazine, today unveiled its first annual list of the top twenty places to live the Western dream in its April/May issue.

The selections were based on criteria for what makes a Western community - well - Western: authentic cowboy culture and charm, a healthy respect for history and heritage, abundant recreational, leisure, and outdoor activities, and a strong sense of community coupled with a free-spirited, rugged independence.

"The places we chose embody the magic and spirit that *is* the great American West, and we're thrilled to recognize each town for its commitment to honoring, celebrating, and preserving their Western history and heritage," said Bill Garrels, publisher of *American Cowboy*. "Whether you're looking for a new place to settle or the perfect place to vacation, these communities deliver top value in the form of adventure, culture, charm, natural beauty and unspoiled wilderness, and frontier history and tradition. This year's selections really offer something for everyone."

#### ***American Cowboy's* Top 20 Places to Live the West 2008:**

Wickenburg, AZ  
Cave Creek, AZ  
Placerville, CA.  
Steamboat Springs, CO  
Salida, CO  
Bozeman, MT  
Missoula, MT  
Reno, NV

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Tularosa, NM  
Los Alamos, NM  
Lawton, OK  
Pendleton, OR  
Bend, OR  
Bandera, TX  
Palestine, TX  
Herber City, UT  
Odgen, UT  
Walla Walla, WA  
Dubois, WY  
Saratoga, WY

Additional information about this year's top selections can be found in the April/May issue of *American Cowboy* or online at [www.americancowboy.com](http://www.americancowboy.com).

### **About *American Cowboy* Magazine**

Published for devotees of the West, *American Cowboy* covers all aspects of the Western lifestyle, delivering the best in entertainment, personalities, travel, rodeo action, human interest, art, poetry, fashion, food, horsemanship, history, and every other facet of Western culture. For more information, please visit [www.americancowboy.com](http://www.americancowboy.com) or [www.cowboyday.com](http://www.cowboyday.com).

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