# Governor's 2008 Range Tour

## September 4th & 5th

*Alder Fire Hall • Upper Ruby Road • Alder, Montana • Look for signs!*

### *Thursday September 4th*

8:30 A.M. Registration at Alder Fire Hall
9:45 A.M. Welcome – Les Gilman, RREC and Ruby Watershed Council
10:00 A.M. Depart from Alder
10:15 A.M. Ruby Dam Overview, John Tubbs, DNRC Water Resources Administrator
10:30 A.M. Snowcrest Ranch – Dave Dixon, Ranch Manager; Intensive grazing with bison, teaching livestock to eat weeds, and Willow Creek restoration
12:00 P.M. Lunch provided by the Montana Outfitters & Guides Association at Upper Canyon Outfitters
1:30 P.M. Ruby River/Lazyman Creek Project – Mike Sanctuary, Confluence Inc. and Ann Schwend, Ruby Watershed Coordinator; Comprehensive Grayling habitat, grazing and irrigation project
2:00 P.M. Kelly Springs Project – John Anderson, Ruby Valley Conservation District; 43-mile Stockwater pipeline with multiple land owners and funding sources
4:00 P.M. Return to Alder
5:30 P.M. No-host social at Banditos Restaurant in Virginia City
6:30 P.M. Banquet
Master of Ceremonies: Loren Tucker – 5th Judicial District Judge
Featured Speaker: Governor Schweitzer (invited)
Entertainment: TBA

**Attention: Certified Professionals in Rangeland Management**
*3 CEU credits are pre-approved for the tour by the Society for Range Management (SRM)*

### *Friday September 5th*

7:30 A.M. Continental Breakfast at Alder Fire Hall
Welcome – Les Gilman, RREC and Ruby Watershed Council
8:30 A.M. Depart from Alder
8:45 A.M. Sauerbier Ranch – Dan Doornbos, owner; Sauerbier Feedlot restoration project
10:00 A.M. Silver Spring Project – Marni Thompson, Sheridan NRCS; Wetlands Reserve Program success site
10:45 A.M. Woodson Ranch - Marni Thompson, Sheridan NRCS; Grazing Trials
11:15 A.M. Ruby Habitat Foundation and Woodson Ranch Tour – Les Gilman, Ranch Manager; Agriculture, wildlife and recreation interface
12:00 P.M. Lunch provided by the Ruby Habitat Foundation at the Woodson Ranch
1:00 P.M. Return to Alder

*Hosted by Ruby Valley Conservation District*

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