Dear John,

This is the second in a series of Special Reports announcing remarkable Land of Legacy accomplishments.

In the first report, you learned that American Prairie Reserve launched the multi-year Land of Legacy campaign in January, kicking off our most ambitious era in the organization’s 15-year journey to build the largest nature reserve in the continental United States. Under Land of Legacy, American Prairie Reserve will acquire new land, design and construct a National Visitor Center and Campground, design and construct a National Hut-to-Hut Trail System, establish a National Prize awarded annually to a distinguished American and transform the Reserve’s giving societies into platforms inspiring gifts at all levels.

In our first report, we promised to be back in touch with periodic updates on the campaign. Today, as American Prairie Reserve’s President and on behalf of the organization’s Board of Directors and staff, it is my very special pleasure to inform you that American Prairie Reserve National Board of Directors Chairman George Matelich and Board Director Susan Matelich have made an extraordinary $5 million Land of Legacy commitment directed for new land purchases.

“Susan and I are committed to the success of Land of Legacy. Accelerating the rate of land acquisition for the Reserve is one of our most important initiatives,” said George Matelich. Susan Matelich added, “It will allow for greatly increased habitat, benefiting both wildlife and the general public.”

Susan and George’s generous and timely pledge officially kicks Land of Legacy into high gear, validating the initiative at a leadership-giving threshold important to its ultimate success. It is wonderful to acknowledge a truly remarkable gift from an equally remarkable family. We thank George and Susan for their leadership and financial support, which breathes life into Land of Legacy at the very beginning of its operation, and look forward to sharing more good news in the weeks ahead.

Sean Gerrity, President
American Prairie Reserve