Dear Friends,

It is with great excitement that we share with you the continued growth of American Prairie Reserve’s Hut-to-Hut System. Through the generosity of Signe Ostby, we have received funding to construct a new hut located along the scenic Missouri River on the historic PN ranch. This will be the fourth hut in a system of ten that will eventually stretch across a 200-mile-wide region of the American Prairie Reserve. Huts will continue to be added over time as our fundraising efforts are successful, with sites that are a day’s travel from each other via horseback, foot, bike, or paddling.

Each hut is given a theme, which offers an opportunity for public education and inspiration. These themes will be featured on interpretive signs and even influence some décor decisions. Mrs. Ostby and her husband Scott Cook have selected ‘Lewis and Clark’. Mr. Cook is no stranger to the concept of hut systems, having traveled the world with friends and stayed in many. “We are excited to be part of the first hut system across America’s Great Plains,” said Mrs. Ostby. “The public can now traverse this land rich in both wildlife and history within the comfort and security these huts provide.”

Since launching Land of Legacy two years ago, we have announced more than $40 million in new major gift pledges and commitments alone. These new gifts support the six pillars of Land of Legacy: elevate American Prairie Reserve to national prominence; accelerate land acquisition, augmenting the size and scope of the Reserve; design, fund, and construct visitor infrastructure including a National Discovery Center, new campground and Welcome Center, and a Hut-to-Hut System; establish a named National Prize awarded annually to a distinguished American; and transform the Reserve’s giving societies into platforms inspiring gifts at all levels.

We look forward to updating you on the status of all these initiatives in future reports. If you would like to review our progress to date, you can visit americanprairie.org/land-of-legacy to read the complete series of Bulletins. Thank you for your continued support of our mission and we hope to see you out on the prairie one day soon.

Sincerely,

Alison Fox
CEO, American Prairie Reserve