

Z BAR RANCH LLC

2017

BARBER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
GRASSLANDS AWARD



“Keith and Eva describe their operation as raising grass
with bison as the primary grazers.”

Aron Flanders

Kansas Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service





“Throughout the years Keith and Eva have worked on improving their grassland quality to sustain a diverse suite of wildlife species.”

Chris Berens, Chief, Ecological Services Section, KDWP







“They have implemented a rotational grazing management program for their buffalo herds. This required the implementation of numerous practices such as cross fencing, water developments, pipelines, tanks and solar pumps.”

Jess Crockford, SW Regional Coordinator, Kansas Prescribed Fire Council









“The use of Managed-Intense Grazing, patch burning, and the removal of invasive woody species have transformed the landscape into a true mixed grass prairie.”

Ted Alexander, Neighbor Rancher





“One of the largest undertakings in the improvement of the ranch has been their resolve to remove invasive trees, particularly cedars, in the upland areas of the ranch. Over the past three years they have mechanically removed more than 2,000 acres of invasive trees.”
Mike Mitchener, Regional Biologist, Western Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies







“...leaders within the Gyp Hills Prescribed Burn Association, spearheading and coordinating their efforts with local ranchers.”

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“They recognize that grassland management is an ongoing process on the ranch and seek every opportunity to improve their knowledge and to share with others what they have learned.”

Jess F. Crockford, SW Regional Coordinator, Kansas Prescribed Fire Council





CONGRATULATIONS
KEITH & EVA