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LARGE LAND HOLDINGS STILL A STRONG INVESTMENT

Despite the drop in residential home sales in 2006, investment and appreciation of agricultural and recreational properties throughout the west continues to increase with no indication of a downward-turn at the present time. An accelerating U.S. population and healthy economy influences the expectation of land purchase and development - driving up land prices and values.

Ranch Marketing Associates (RMA), a Ranch Real Estate firm specializing in agricultural and recreation properties with offices in Beverly Hills, Denver, Aspen and Sheridan experienced sales in excess of \$68,000,000 in 2006. RMA plans to open two new offices in 2007 to keep up with increased buyer demand for large land holdings.

"Over the past few years, we've experienced an increase in clients looking for large, quality ranches for long term investment, conservation easement potential, outdoor recreation and future development purposes. Large properties with abundant resources such as water, minerals and timber, are increasingly more challenging to find and remain in strong demand," according to RMA partner, Ron Morris. Increased wealth creation resulting from a healthy U.S. economy has caused an increase in demand and a shortage in availability of large ranches and recreation properties throughout the western United States. More than 15% of available U.S. agricultural land is influenced by urban growth, causing land values to continue to increase.

RMA Partners Ron Morris and Billy Long bring over 40 years of experience representing high-end recreational and agricultural ranch properties. Together, they have sold over 1.5 million acres of land in excess of \$400 million in sales. For more information, visit www.RMABrokers.com

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