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As the founder, chairman, and CEO of New York–based Peebles Corp., he is one of the wealthiest developers in the country. Now, Peebles is stepping into a brighter spotlight with his largest project yet in a land that continues to push the boundaries of development: Los Angeles.
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The resort at Paws Up is a recent addition to the luxury dude ranch offering an array of unconventional meeting spaces and activities— as well as a new private jet service and new adult-only accommodations slated to open in 2020.

By Carolyn Jacobs

Roughly the size of Manhattan, this luxury dude ranch offers an array of unconventional meeting spaces and activities— as well as a new private jet service and new adult-only accommodations slated to open in 2020.

From its acres of wildflower-dotted fields and dense pine forests to its miles of scenic trails, The Resort at Paws Up is a retreat like no other. A stunning 57,000-acre property once explored by Meriwether Lewis (of Lewis and Clark), this working cattle ranch is known for its panoramic views, premium comforts (tented guest accommodations), and once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

Here, guests are provided opportunities to challenge themselves and bond their bond with nature, whether in an open-air yoga class, rigorous half-day open range. Exhilarating bull hunt in the Blackfoot River or navigating a trail down the class II rapids of Alberton Gorge.

Located in Montana, the ranch is remote and removed from any urban distractions, giving there just became much easier. Those looking for the thrill of the wild can try whitewater rafting, which has partnered with Paws Up for service to the Missoula International Airport from 17 cities across the country, including Los Angeles, New York, Miami, Chicago, and Dallas. Additionally, the resort will launch a resort-within-a-resort concept next year with its new adventure camp, bringing world-class accommodations complementing the existing rustic amenities and also guests to take in the surroundings with floor-to-ceiling windows.

**Meeting Spaces:**
- **Paws Up Beach:** 38,000 square feet
- **Tent:** 38,000 square feet
- **Barn:** 38,000 square feet
- **Clubhouse:** 38,000 square feet

**Location:**
- **Maldonado, MT:** 30 miles from Missoula International Airport, which accepts direct flights from Los Angeles (9 hours, 48 minutes).
- **Property:** In a 3-hour drive from New York with one transfer.
- **Accommodations:** 109 guest rooms, including 57 guest suites, 36 luxury homes, and 84 glamping tents.

**Amenities:**
- **Spa:** Full-service spa
- **Golf:** 18-hole golf course
- **Riding:** Horseback riding
- **Dining:** Fine dining in the tent, casual dining in the barn, and 24-hour room service
- **Activities:** ATV tours, wildlife watching, fly-fishing, and more.

**Contact:**
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From its acres of wildflower-dotted fields and dense pine forests to its miles of scenic trails, The Resort at Paws Up is a retreat like no other. A stunning 35,000-acre property once explored by Meriwether Lewis (of Lewis and Clark), this working cattle ranch is known for its panoramic views, premium comforts (camping butler service), and once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

Here, guests are provided opportunities to challenge themselves and build rapport with one another—whether in an open-air yoga class, rigorous half-day course, fishing for bull trout in the Blackfoot River, or navigating a raft down the class III rapids of the Beaver Creek.

Situated in Western Montana and encompassing more than 300 miles of hiking, biking, and ATV trails, as well as 10 miles of river access, Paws Up has been serving up an authentic (yet luxurious) working cattle experience since 1915. It's presently home to 100 Black Angus cattle, 360 horses, and several wild mustangs.

"Today, everyone is looking for wide-open space. It's cathartic and freeing," says Laura Craighead, director of events at the ranch. "I see a change in people after they've spent a few days here. They drop all the small pressures and get into a more relaxed state—and that usually means no cell phones." While unplugging is not mandatory, a few device-free days can inspire out-of-the-box thinking. With the ranch so remote and removed from any urban distractions, getting there just becomes much easier. Those looking for exclusive, direct access can fly with XOFIT, which has partnered with Paws Up for service to the Missoula International Airport from 17 cities across the country, including Los Angeles, Denver, Chicago, and Dallas. Additionally, the resort will launch a resort-within-a-resort concept next year with its new wildlife-safety camp. The modern accommodations complement the existing rustic amenities and allow guests to take in the surroundings with floor-to-ceiling windows.

Location: Bracken, Montana. 30 miles east of Missoula International Airport, which accepts daily direct flights from Los Angeles (2 hours, 40 minutes). The property is about a 4-hour drive from Anchorage with one transfer. A new partnership with XOFIT grants direct access from 17 US cities.

Key Stats: Up to 250 guests in 36 multi-bedroom, luxury homes and 38 glamping tents.

Meeting Spaces: 11, including the 9,500-square-foot Ball Barn, the 6,000-square-foot Creek Club, and the 8,000-square-foot Tower Office Boardroom above it. The Lewis and Clark Reception Barn, with 4,000-seat auditorium, and the 24-seat Bunkhouse (a converted hayloft)

Dining: Farm-to-table dining, Tent & Trench (casual dining), and the Chuck Wagon (mobile dining for glamping sites or remote events).

Amenities: Spa Town, cattle viewing, choices of outdoor activities.

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Recent additions to the ranch’s activity list include hatchet throwing, a calf wrangling team game called Cow Croquet, and a front-row seat to the delicate process of getting a wild Mustang, called “Horsepower: Where Mustangs and Mandalaflow Collide,” the latter spotlighting equine manager Jackie Andrews on the reunion of a stallion and a mare. After the reunion, guests find the latest horses demonstrate rates in horse-and-two-hour practice—like patience and confidence—applicable to their own personal obstacles.

But for and away Paws Up’s most popular adventure is the cattle drive. The four-hour affair ends up to 30 cattle from one side of the ranch to the other. Riding skills are helpful but not required—each guest is paired with an experienced wrangler.

"This is on the bucket list of most everyone I know," says Craighead. "It’s a hands-on experience that cannot be replicated—this is the real deal."