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BEYOND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

TAKING THE NEXT STEP

The General Allotment Act of 1887 (aka The Dawes Act)

The Act broke up Indian lands originally held in common and divided them up into individual parcels.

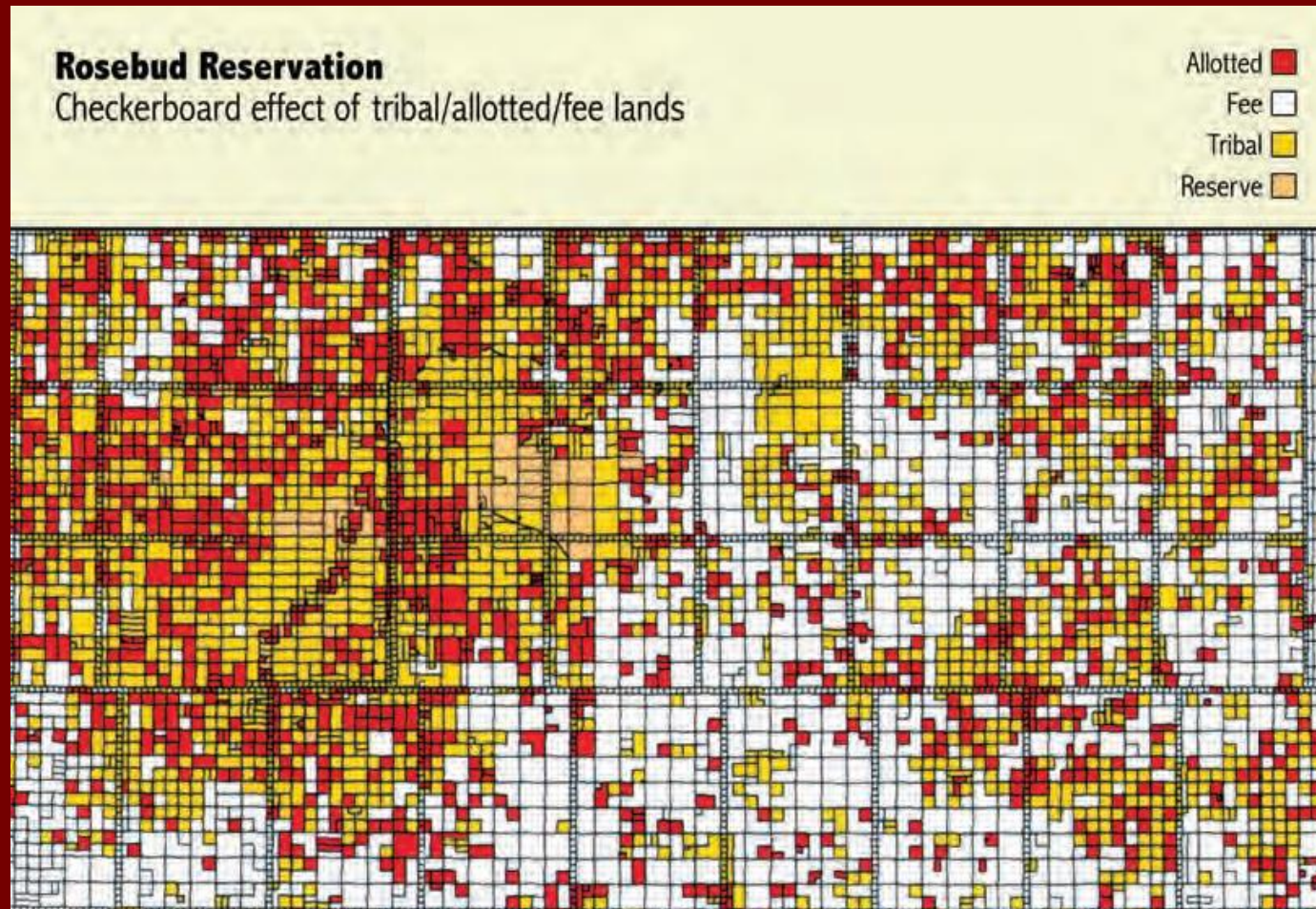
The Allotment Act ultimately reduced the national reservation land base by two-thirds (90 million acres).

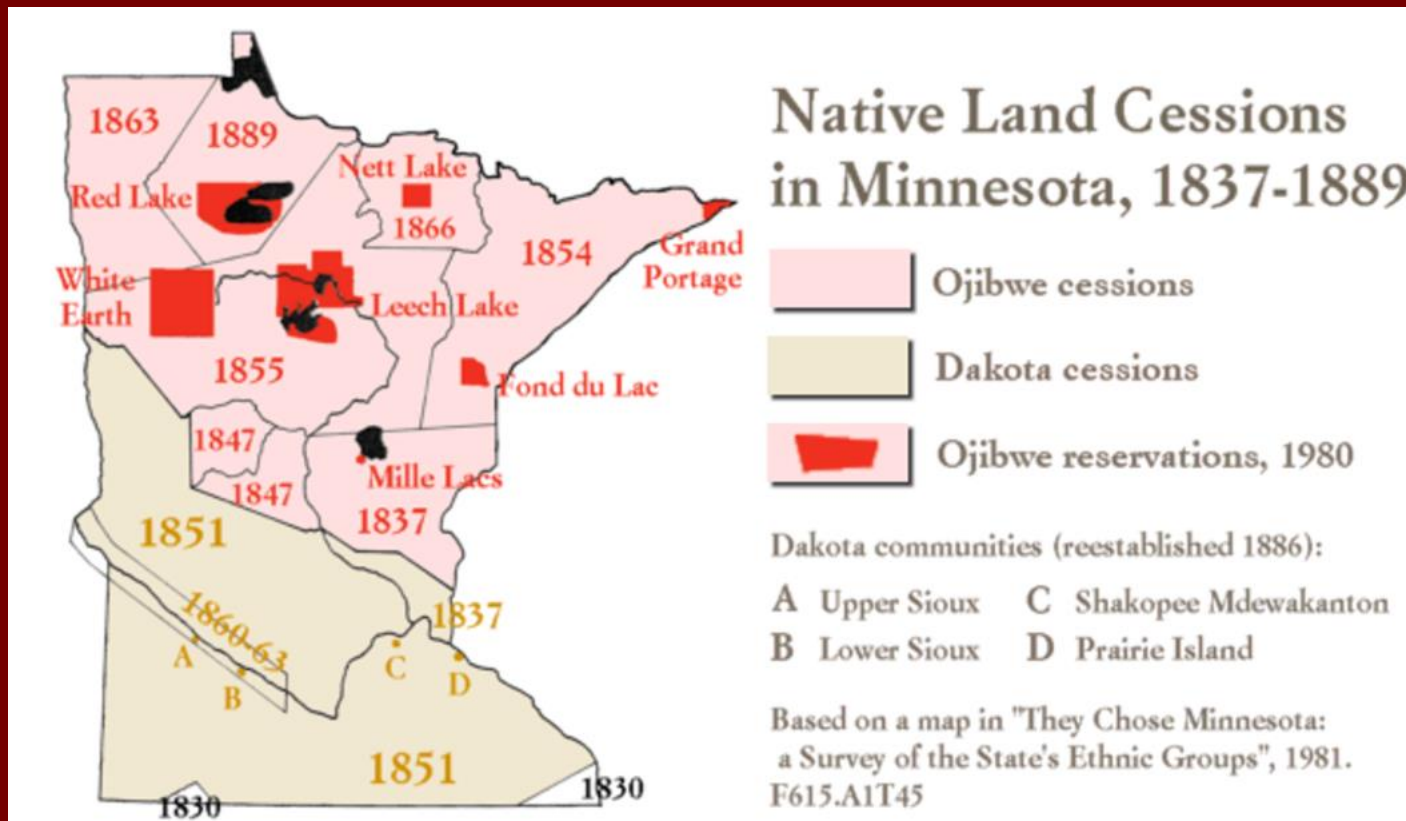
The cohesiveness of the Indian community continued to disintegrate as the land base became more fractured.

“The General Allotment Act is a mighty pulverizing engine to break up the tribal mass. . .” Teddy Roosevelt (1901)

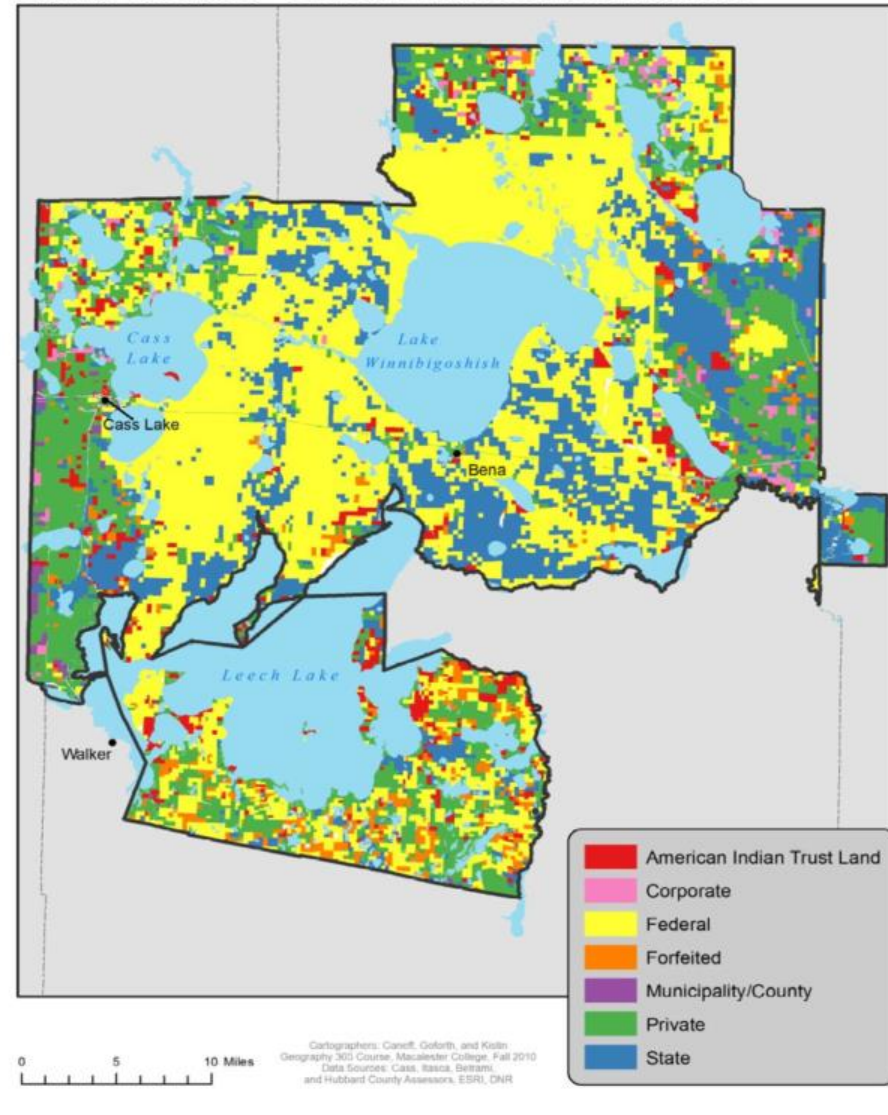


Checkerboard Effect Fractures Land Base

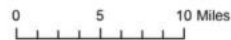
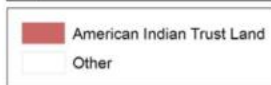
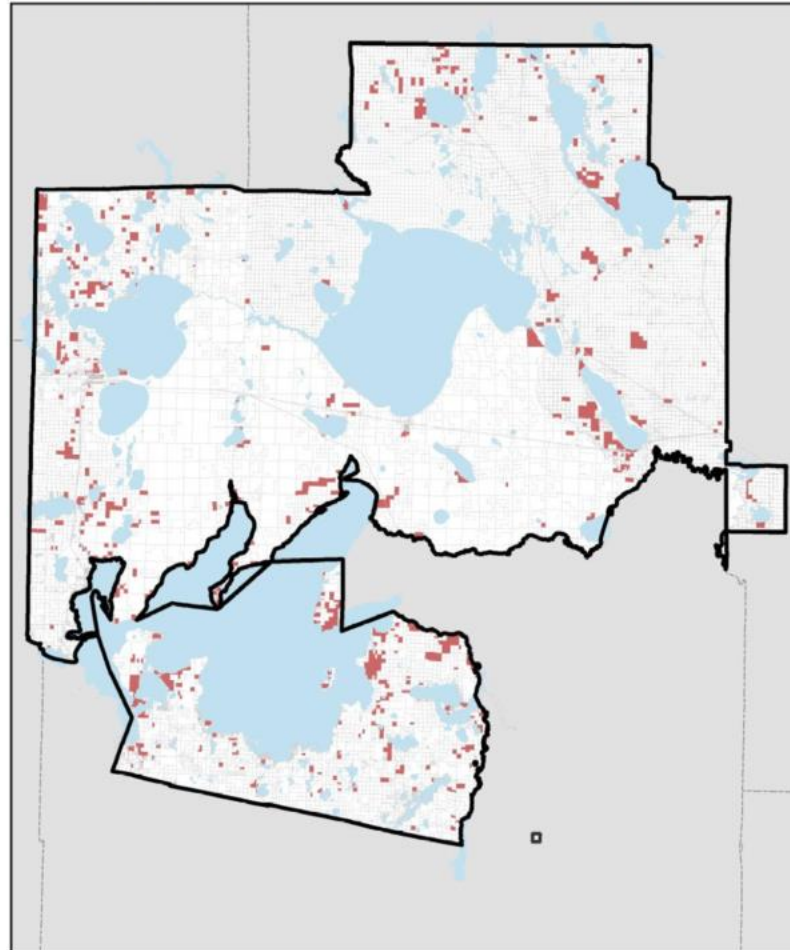




Land Tenure - Leech Lake Reservation



Indian Trust Land - Leech Lake Reservation

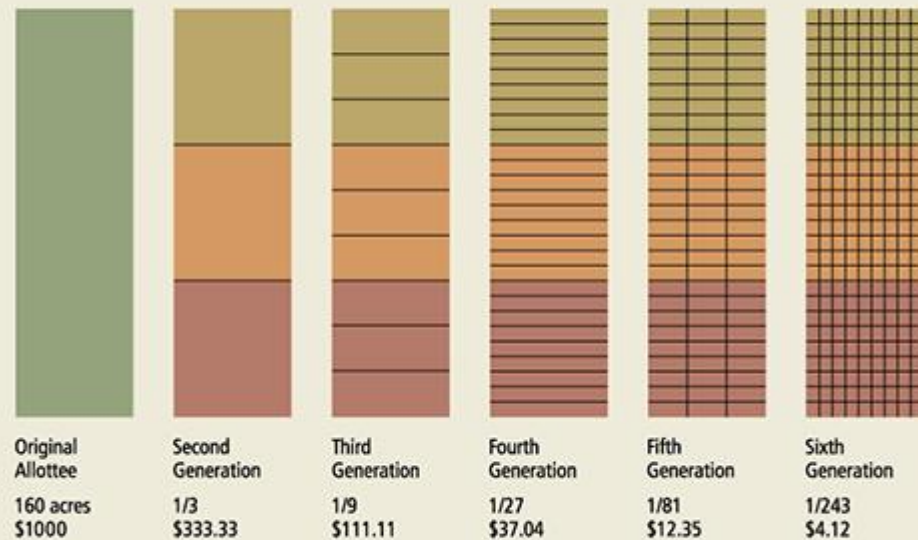


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and Hubbard County Assessors, ESRI, DNR

Fractionated Ownership (Fractionation)

When a trust parcel is owned by more than one owner as undivided interests. Fractionated ownership results from ownership interests being divided again and again when an owner of the interest dies without a will providing for the distribution of the asset. Trust parcels with fractionated ownership often have hundreds, sometimes thousands, of owners. By law, a majority of owners must agree to a particular use of the land, making it difficult for any one of the owners to use the land (i.e. for farming, building a home or starting a business).

A Simplified Six-Generation Example of Undivided Heirship
*Fractionated Values and Lease Payment Values of Undivided Interest**



**Presumes only three heirs per person per generation.*

Our Mission

Land within the original boundaries of every reservation and other areas of high significance where tribes retain aboriginal interest and lands are in Indian ownership and management

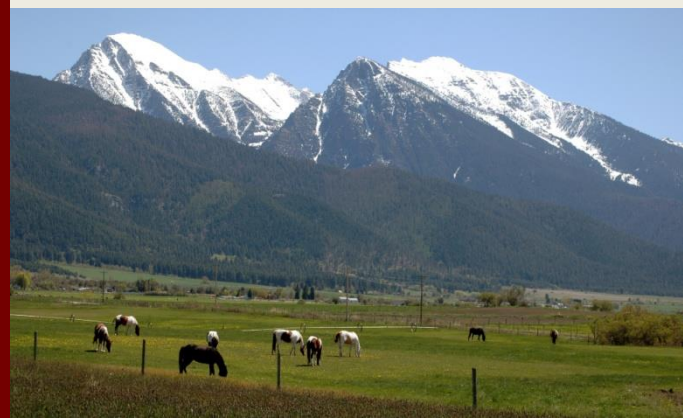


Our Strategies

Education



Economic Opportunities



Cultural Awareness



Legal Reform



Facilitating Estate Planning to Reduce Fractionation



Delivering Landowner Training

“I learned a lot of great things at this training. I didn’t even know there were forms I could fill out to resolve my current land issues.”

—Landowner, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa



Co-Hosting Tribal Land Staff National Conference

Creating educational opportunities in Indian Country for tribal land professionals to be united to protect Indian lands



Providing Online Curriculum

lessonsofourland.org

Lessons *of* Our Land



**Bringing lessons from Indian Country
to our classrooms**



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Lending for Land Acquisitions

ilcc.net



Returning Pe' Sla Sacred Site

"We are grateful to stand together before the Creator and help our People reclaim one of our most sacred sites."

*— Oceti Sakowin (Council of Seven Fires)
on the purchase of the Pe' Sla sacred site in the Black Hills*



Beyond Land Acknowledgements

Inspiring individuals and organizations to do more than just talk



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The Beyond Land Acknowledgement Fund at ILTF

- Indigenous land acknowledgements are everywhere now as local governments, universities and public events acknowledge the historic taking of land by colonial settlers.
- To many Native Americans, these are just empty words.
- Thanks to a seed grant from a Minneapolis church congregation in the amount of \$250,000, ILTF has launched the Beyond Land Acknowledgement Fund for organizations and individuals that want to take that next step and actually do something about returning land and making it right.
- This new fund allows ILTF to pool money to make land purchases.
- There are countless historic and religious sites across Indian Country that are meaningful to tribal communities, as well as historic fishing and hunting lands that could be returned.
- Purchases of these lands will not add up to thousands of acres, but they will add immeasurable value to Indian Country because of their importance to Indian people.

Resources: Publications

Message Runners

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Motivated young professionals

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Obviously, there is a desperate demand for land



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THE COST OF FREE LAND

**JEWS, LAKOTA,
AND AN AMERICAN
INHERITANCE**

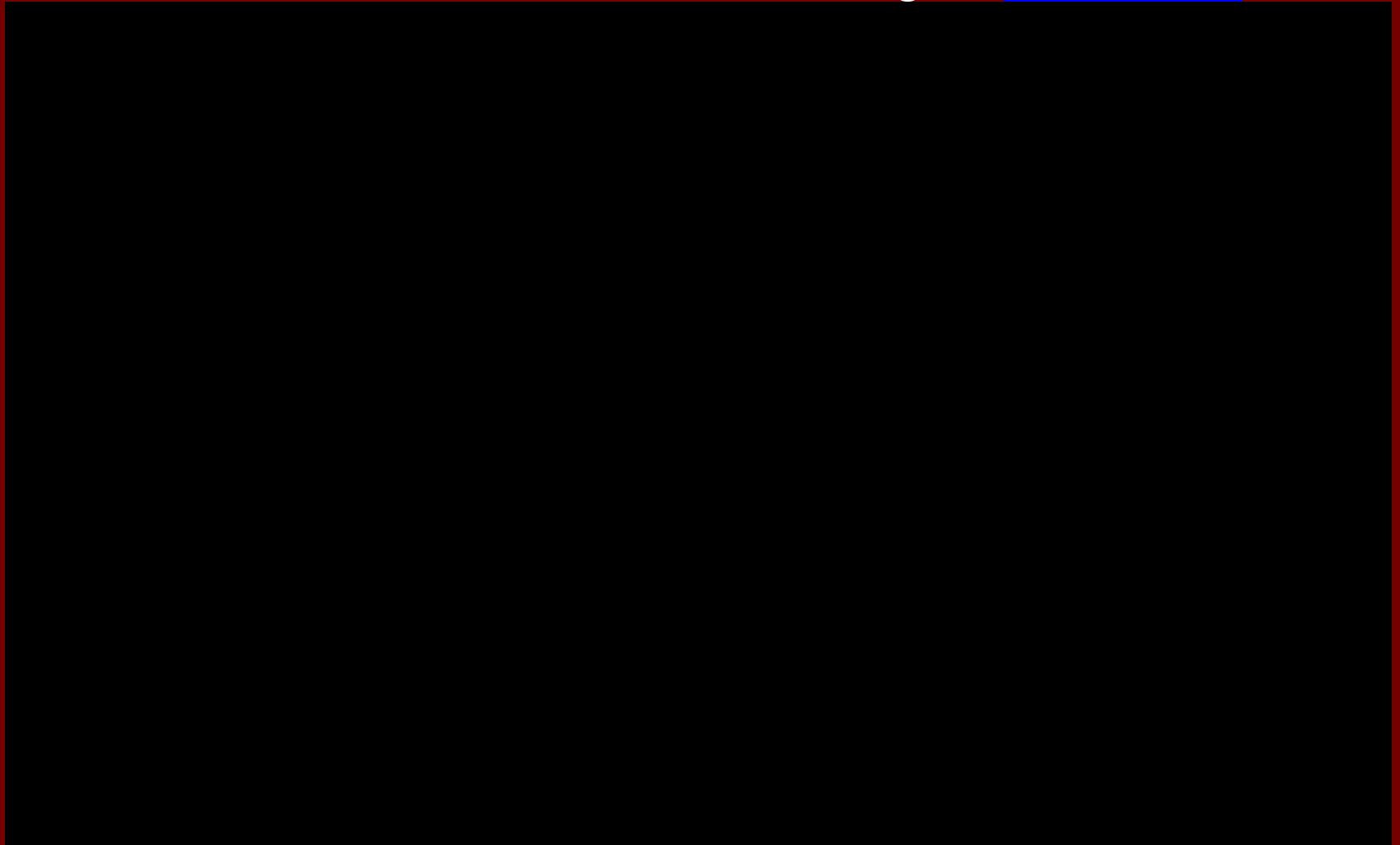
REBECCA CLARREN



WHAT WE DO MATTERS

VIDEO: Ron Brownotter, Buffalo Rancher

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Thank you for your interest and support!



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Many Thanks!