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Birdseye Area
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My grandparents homesteaded in the Canyon Creek area in 1888 making me a third generation Montana girl. After high school I had a job as a window designer for the Diana Shop on Last Chance Gulch, Helena MT. When that ended, I was California-Dreaming. Boarding a train in Butte I headed south to Palm Springs CA to chase my California dream. I graduated from United Artists Beauty College in 1967 with a cosmetology license, 1983 I graduated from College of the Desert with an interior design degree and started Judith Anne Interiors. My design career and the projects that I worked on were exciting and varied from homes, offices, restaurants, Carnation/ Nestle Foods Corporate, and here in Helena I was thrilled to be the Interior Designer for Topper's Cellar new building in 2003 and a home by Mark Parriman Construction that was included in the Helena Home Show.

I took full advantage of the lifestyle the desert offered and volunteered with many organizations including as an event planner for the Palm Spring International Film Festival. I loved traveling, with a passion for faraway places. The ease of travel from Palm Springs, whether it was a road trip, boarding a plane, or a ship, I was game for anything. Thirty years later after a varied career path, none of which had anything to do with ranching or agriculture, I

returned home to help on the family ranch. You can take the girl out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the girl.

Working alongside my dad for so many years, I was very aware of noxious weeds but had no idea that in 2003 I would start the real fight. Educating myself on the real damage and harm that noxious weeds due to our habitat, the environment and the world that surrounds us. I have spent the last 20 years doing my very best to draw attention to management and eradication of noxious weeds. During those 20 years I have applied for and received three Noxious Weed Trust Fund grants, two Resource Advisory Council Agency (RAC) grants from the US Forest Service, served on the board of the Montana Weed Control Association and have served 2 terms as a member of the L & C County Weed Board.

Ranching, livestock, wildlife, the outdoors, and stewardship of the land have always been my love. When I started fighting noxious weeds my mantra became "Boots on The Ground - Stomp Out Noxious Weeds". Fight on.