

Riparian Protection

The Homestead is surrounded on all sides by land managed by the US Forest Service. During the summer and early fall, cattle are allowed to graze on the open range. Without a secure fence, cattle encroach into the riparian area to drink and graze on the succulent forage. Several years ago high winds from an intense storm caused extensive blow down of trees along the fence. With a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (<http://www.nfwf.org>), the LSC&HPA was able to clear much of the downed timber and fence the property to exclude the open range cattle.



Photo 1. Ross Bestgen, a student at the SDSM&T helps construct new fence through the timber on the upper end of the homestead.



Photo 2. Boy Scouts from Troop 252 in Belle Fourche, SD pile downed slash to burn in the winter.



Photo 3. The Boy Scouts also cleared debris from the ponds and the creek.



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