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Photo opportunity

**WHAT:** Griz Biz North Middle School students designing /crafting 80 leather coasters for Washington DC ~ National Public Lands Council Conference held in Great Falls  
**WHEN:** Presentation by students to Public Lands Council representatives from Washington DC on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 12:30 – 12:45  
**WHERE:** North Middle School  
All are welcome to join us for this presentation.

## **NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS DOING BUSINESS FOR NATIONAL ORGANIZATION**

**The Public Lands Council is holding their National Conference in Great Falls September 25-28, 2019 and GFPS Students are involved by making / designing leather coasters.**

Great Falls is hosting the upcoming Public Lands Council (PLC) Annual Meeting beginning September 25 - 28. This conference is the largest public lands ranching event in the nation and the meeting will bring together hundreds of ranchers from across the West. Click [here](#) to see the Annual Meeting agenda.

Here in Montana we raise over 2.5 million head of cattle on over 58 million acres of farmland. This source of jobs and economic growth would be impossible without the partnership between public lands ranchers and the federal government. Learn more about the importance of public lands ranching at the Public Lands Council Annual Meeting.

The Public Lands Council is the only national organization dedicated solely to representing the roughly 22,000 ranchers who hold federal grazing permits and operate on federal land. Did you know federal lands ranchers have a voice in Washington D.C.? The Public Lands Council advocates on cattle and sheep producer's behalf while they take care of their livestock in the West.

Public land ranchers invest their time, their own money, and their energy maintaining the 250 million acres of federal lands livestock graze on. Ranchers and their families not only live and work on the range, they act as stewards of the land through efforts including preserving natural resources, safeguarding the ecosystem, and even preventing forest fires.

Public lands grazing is the economic backbone of countless rural communities within 11 western states. The work of America's ranchers keeps our nation fed, clothed, and healthy. Learn more about the value of federal lands ranching at [www.publiclandscouncil.org](http://www.publiclandscouncil.org).

**Many local Great Falls businesses and community organizations partnered with the Public Lands Council (PLC) to provide services and support in advance of organization's Annual Meeting.**

**What:** PLC leadership including President Bob Skinner and Executive Director Ethan Lane to deliver remarks in recognition of local Great Falls businesses that provided support to the national organization in advance of its 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting. Local partners of the PLC include: Advanced Litho Printing, the C.M. Russell Museum, Electric City Coffee, Enbar, **Griz Biz North Middle School**, Grizzly Saddlery, Shining Mountain Images, and the Ranches at Belt Creek.