

Basic Land Terms

“Africa Unit”





Butte

Butte - flat topped rocky hill with steep sides...taller than it is wide



Mesa

Mesa - flat topped rocky hill with steep sides...wider than it is tall

Plateau



Plateau - Flat topped hill

Desert



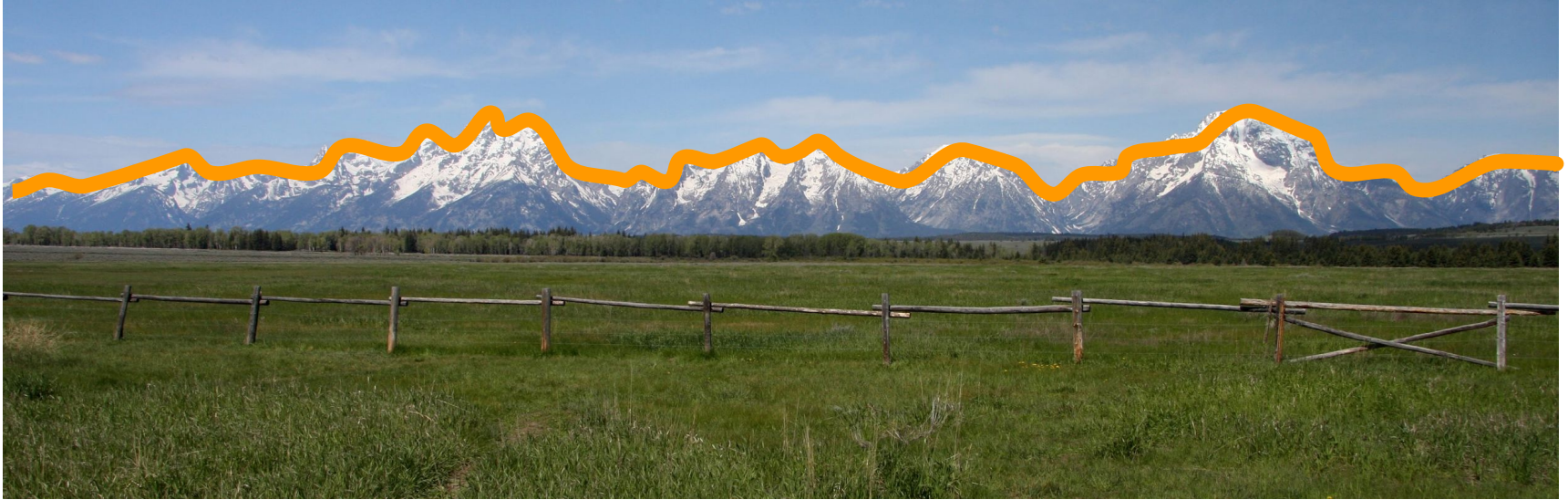
Desert - large area of land with little or no moisture



Dune

Dune - mound/ridge of sand created by wind

Horizon



Horizon - line at which the earth and the sky meet

Oasis



Oasis - fertile spot within a desert watered by an underground spring

Prairie



Prairie - a natural grassland

Plains



Plains - a large and nearly level area of land



Tundra

Tundra - large, flat, treeless arctic region where soil is permanently frozen