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Gregor was born in Wheatland, WY and grew up on a farm 20 miles south in Slater. Three of his grandparents homesteaded within 7 miles of where he grew up and resides today. After high school he attended Western Wyoming College in Rock Springs, WY before returning to the family farm. He purchased his first farm in 1974 and expanded it into Laramie County, WY in 1976, leasing land for 25 years until additional land was available in the Slater area. The operation has grown to 24,000 acres of leased and deeded land with 5,000 acres of that being farmland and the balance grassland. The Goertz family runs 330 bred cows and retains all of the calves over as yearlings selling the majority of them as grass fat. In the year 2000 they certified the farmland as Organic and by 2005 the farm and livestock were 100% certified organic.

Gregor has been married to Cindy for 34 years and they have three children, Jason (31), Matthew (28) and Tori (23). Jason is currently running the farm and ranch. In 2004 Gregor and his wife Cindy started Wyoming Pure Natural Beef, a direct marketing beef company, with their children. Wyoming Pure continues to expand by selling more of the herd annually directly to the consumers.

Outside of his agricultural operation Gregor served on the Platte County ASCS Committee in the early 80's. He served one term as Platte County Commissioner from 1986-1991. He served on the founding board of the Wheatland Area Development Corporation. Other boards he has served on are the Platte County Fair Board, Wyoming Wheat Growers, Platte Manor Senior Apartments and various church boards. In 1995 Gregor was appointed to the Wyoming FSA State Committee (STC), serving as Chairman for four years. When Bush was elected in 2001 Gregor was reappointed to the STC for four years. He was instrumental in starting the Slater Wind Energy Association in 2007 to promote renewable energy in the area and has continued to serve as Chairman. Gregor accepted the appointment as State Executive Director of the Wyoming Farm Service Agency in July of 2009 taking over the role on August 10.