



*Opinion from  
America's Outback*

**TURN ON THE LIGHTS**

Your work is instrumental in helping us “city slickers” to appreciate where our food comes from and how hard farmers and ranchers work to produce it. Thanks for all you do to shed a spotlight on the western way of life. Every issue is read cover to cover in our household and often shared with visitors and friends. Here’s a donation to keep the spotlight shining.

LINDA & PAUL SMITH, RENO, NEVADA

Thank you and yours for faithfully confronting “the hypocrisy of the bureaucracy of the demon-possessed democracy.” God bless our constitutional republic.

TERRY KNUDSON, THORP, WASHINGTON

I pray to God that as you read this Donald Trump has been elected as our commander in chief. If not, God help us all! Thank you so much for your truthful magazine. I’m sorry my tip couldn’t be more, but with food prices and the cost of fuel in California, you can understand why.

DAVID IVERSEN, FORTUNA, CALIFORNIA

**IT WAS JUST A GOAT**

By chance, I found a copy of *RANGE*. I hadn’t subscribed in years, but decided to “re-up.” I like the fact that you print letters from both viewpoints. I headed to Phoenix in 1980, Fallon 1984. One of my first AZ buddies was from Queens, NYC. He was Jewish, myself a Church of Christ. Oil and water, but I liked guns, he liked guns, we got along fine. His folks were totally ignorant of the West. They allowed that he had “moved to one of those western states...with cows.” We are email buddies to this day.

**FAKE NEWS**

Love the magazine. Accordingly, I am dismayed to see you repeat in “Up Front” in the last issue the well-debunked story of “14 Conex containers disguised as furniture” being a shipment of weapons for Muslim immigrants off-loaded in Fort Myers, Fla. It was fake news, as per numerous sources. Makes the other valid points made in the editorial a bit less valid. I’d suggest a retraction.

TOM BOLE, VIA EMAIL

*Advancing age, little help and 70-plus-hour weeks have taken a toll. I got it from a good source, didn’t verify and sincerely apologize. A corrected “Up Front,” Winter 2024/2025, is now online via rangemagazine.com.—Ed.*

CJ: In the overall scheme of things, not a biggie once it gets corrected. My pat answer when things like this happen with me—too often, sadly—is, “Well, I thought I was wrong once, but I was mistaken.”—TOM

**TYPICAL CRAP**

My friend Stan Teliczan gifted me with a subscription to *RANGE* magazine. I would like my subscription canceled and the remaining fees returned to Mr. Teliczan. This decision was made based upon the editorial “Up Front” by C.J. Hadley in the Winter 2024/2025 issue. I have never read such bullshit in my life. The column is full of lies, half-truths, and distortions, typical crap put forth by the Republican Party, Donald Trump, and all of his boot lickers. The U.S., my country, would be in much better shape had the BLM blown the piss out of the Bundy family and all of your so-called western patriot ranchers. Ms. Hadley can kiss my all-American hard-working blue-collar Democratic Union ass.

Refund Mr. Teliczan his money.

DAVID WEIDLEER, MASCOUTAH, ILLINOIS  
*I became a U.S. citizen in 1972 and have been a registered Democrat for more than 50 years. My*

Much of America is ignorant about farm/ranch life, unless they have had some type of ag background. A recent example, one of the TV star/news guys on FOX discussing the alleged issue of Robert F. Kennedy Jr. “eating barbequed dog” in the past. Turns out it was just a goat. I imagine that said TV star/news reporter is ignorant of the fact that folks all over the world count goat as a staple in their diet. It might shock them to learn about cats and the claimed dog. Even worse, horse has been known to feed humans. Just shocking!

*dad was a steelworker, my mother worked in a glass factory in the most polluted city in Europe during WWII, and I was removed from school at age 15 for being “uneducable.” Life expectancy then was what is now considered middle-aged. I will send a personal refund check to your friend Stan and hope he will stick with me. And I wish you well.—Ed.*

*P.S.: The Bundys and many other ranchers and resource providers (the most important people in the world) have been loving country while working hard to produce goods of benefit to all—too many fighting for survival in recent years. You might want to take a deeper look.*

**GOOD ‘OL COMMON SENSE**

Dearest CJ, your “Up Front” is always the first thing I read in *RANGE*. But when I read this last one I wanted to give you a real, not virtual hug! It’s wonderful to have a friend who’s “out there” and can reach people spouting good ‘ol common sense!

DONNA ANDRESS, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA



Little Laine Olsen at the Olsen summer cow camp. Her horse, she calls “Orange-my one-eyed cow pony.” Would love to see this in *RANGE*. We are all big fans.

STEVE ALBERTS, POISON CREEK RANCH  
ELK BEND, IDAHO

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Movie icon Walt Disney was a man who destroyed a whole generation, concerning animal reality and his type movies still are ruining kids, with parents too busy watching their cell phones all day. We have elected officials who would be stymied on how to open the old-fashioned three-hedge post, barb-wire gate of my childhood. The barbwire might not meet the standards of the SPCA.

So keep publishing. One of them might find a copy at their local VA hospital, like I did.

RON RYDER, FALLON, NEVADA



VIA INTERNET

Keep up the important work. You're a light in the darkness.

LINDA DEBRICK, EAGLE POINT, OREGON

This is the best bargain out there. Thanks for your great job. A little extra, not much, but cowboy wages get stretched pretty thin sometimes.

STEVE FALLIS, DIVIDE, COLORADO

I have always tried to include a little extra when renewing my subscription. Just a comment, I read about the person who said that there are two sides to every pancake and that there are two sides to every issue. Very true, but *RANGE* writes about the people who live so close to one side of the issues and have to deal with it every day. If everyone had to do this, there would probably be only one side to most agriculture-related issues.

DENNIS IVERSON, WASHINGTON, UTAH

### ENOUGH BIZARRE B.S.

Thank you for everything all you guys do for our country! We've all had enough bizarre B.S. and lies!

DAVID A. PHILPOTT, SHERIDAN, MONTANA

MAGA paid the Supreme Court. Trump has "absolute immunity" past, present and future. THE PRESIDENCY IS DEAD! LONG RULE KING TRUMP!

(BRAVELY) ANONYMOUS, RENO, NEVADA

I was aware that my great-granddaughter was riding, but it wasn't until my recent trip to Florida to visit the family that I learned of her extreme passion for horses. Although just entering high school, she is already looking at colleges that offer equine majors to equestrian degrees. I determined she needs a subscription to *RANGE*.

BOB LICK, MEADOWLAKES, TEXAS

Generally an East Coast resident buying a Montana ranch is not a good thing. Daniel of Massachusetts is a first-class exception. To keep him informed he is getting a *RANGE* gift subscription. Informed jurors are a powerful check on government tyranny.

STEVE HICKS

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, MONTANA

A little extra for all the hard work you put into *RANGE*.

DALE A. BRIGGS, WILLITS, CALIFORNIA

Wanted you to know how much I appreciate *RANGE* magazine. Such excellent and informative articles. I'm a 78-year-old retired farmer and semiretired trucker. Still haul grain for a young farmer.

FRED CHRISTENSEN, MASSENA, IOWA



VIA INTERNET

### ELITIST COWARDS

Anonymous letters to the editor like the two in Fall 2024 must be from elitist cowards. Sorry that one came from Idaho, because that is not representative of the majority. Why should they be concerned about what we love, especially free speech, individual interests and *RANGE* magazine?

ELAINE PEARSONS AND HER SIGNIFICANT OTHER, JAGUAR, KOOSKIA, IDAHO

To my friends at *RANGE* magazine, just a small token of respect and admiration for the work you do. Many speak words, others act. In my book action speaks louder than words.

JAMES PERRY, TIETON, WASHINGTON

Sorry, I give all my \$ to the Navajo Nation in Arizona. They need it!

ANONYMOUS, PHOENIX, ARIZONA

*Whatever helps people in need is good.*—Ed.



VIA INTERNET

### WOKE UP WAKE UP

Trump dodged a bullet but America did too with our election. Thank the Lord, maybe people are waking up instead of "woking-up!" Thank you and bless *RANGE* for not going woke!

PATTY NEUBERT, ALTURAS, CALIFORNIA

Thanks for sticking around, C.J. We appreciate you.

DAN WARNOCK, BAKER CITY, OREGON

I love the magazine but can't read anymore. I'd love to meet that Brit, CJ, in a bar in Midas and have a beer with her.

KENNETH ALTENREUTHER, GOLCONDA, NEV.  
*If I get close to Midas, I'll look for you.*—Ed.

Wonderful writing! Thanks for preserving the western culture.

ROBERT M. DRYDEN, MD  
TUCSON, ARIZONA

Thank you for an awesome magazine.

DARYL JAMISON, NECK CITY, MISSOURI

I just wanted you to know I was grand marshal and outranked my cousin, Barney Fife. Here's my evidence.

DON FIFE  
LUCERNE VALLEY  
CALIFORNIA



### CO<sub>2</sub> IS GOOD

I admire your super support of the western way of life. Our government is so out of touch with food production it is insane. I started farming in Illinois in 1956, moving to a cattle farm in Missouri. I am no scientist but I can tell you carbon dioxide is plant food.

I built a greenhouse from pole cut in the timber and salvage windows from old buildings to grow vegetables for my family. To heat





VIA INTERNET

Good to see you are still active in *RANGE*. I am still here at 96 years old and doing okay for an old woman. Hope all is well with you and enjoying life.

FLORENCE SUENAGA, CARSON CITY, NEVADA  
*Great to hear from you. RANGE still makes life interesting!—Ed.*

You guys are the best!  
 SHELLY A. HARMON  
 FALL RIVER MILLS, CALIFORNIA

**NO COMPROMISE  
 NO QUARTER**

It is November 2024 and God bless Donald Trump. But whatever he achieves, it won't be enough. As Winston Churchill said after the Battle of Britain: "This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is perhaps the end of the beginning."

The left made frightening gains, not just over the past four years of Biden/Harris, but in the 16 years of Clinton and Obama. Those won't be easily reversed. The Marxists who call themselves progressives are already plotting to block Trump's cabinet appointments, protect illegal aliens, including the monsters who murder and rape Americans, and frustrate every aspect of the Trump agenda.

The "lawfare" will continue. The media campaign against accuracy and objectivity will proceed apace. The swamp will resist every effort to drain it. Coexistence is impossible. Bipartisanship is a ruse. We must redouble our efforts. Our motto must be: No compromise, no quarter.

DON FEDER  
 FRAMINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

No way am I going to send only 10 cents for a subscription! I'm sending \$20, keep up the good work!

DEANNA TAYLOR, AINSWORTH, NEBRASKA

**THAT'S MAMA AND DADDY!**

Tillie Nielsen, almost two years old, spotted the *RANGE* Winter 2024/2025 issue while visiting a Tractor Supply store. Tillie started



flipping through it and pointed to my article on her parents, Tom and Heather Nielsen, explaining, "That's Mama and Daddy!"

REBECCA COLNAR MOTT  
 CUSTER, MONTANA

the thing, I dug a fire pit in one end and hinged a window in the opposite end to let smoke out. Being close to an abandoned coal mine, I heated the thing with coal. Well, I can assure you, the plants did grow and produce a supercharged CO<sub>2</sub> environment. We enjoyed vegetables till late winter and again in early spring.

PAUL HALSEY, BARNETT, MISSOURI

**BLESSING IN DISGUISE**

The election was surely a miracle to behold. I kind of think that the Biden 2020 victory might have been a blessing in disguise for *RANGE* fans. We got a chance to see the radical dems on parade. After getting this multi-year dose of their reality, I think many folks will think twice before bringing this disastrous group into leadership of our country again.

DAVE LARIMER  
 PORTOLA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA