



Opinion from America's Outback

DON'T TAKE IT AWAY!

I just got my 2015 Nevada Big Game Seasons and Application Regulation booklet. Inside is a map of Nevada with all the different hunting areas laid out for a hunter's choice. This year's publication has "Wilderness Study Areas" displayed across the state that take about half of rural Nevada! What needs to be studied? Pretty soon we won't be able to use any of our public lands.

GEORGE MACHADO, S. LAKE TAHOE, CALIF.

"Wanted to Trade" [Spring 2015] by Carolyn Dufurrena blew my mind. How beautiful!

WILLIAM ENNIS, MILL SPRING, N.C.

My check is enclosed; however, due to the steady inflation of the dollar by those residing in the Sodom and Gomorrah on the Potomac who have further inflated the dollar, please bill me for any in arrears. I do not want to miss being a subscriber to this resurrection of

AM I STILL HERE?

I am 95 years old, use a wheelchair, have a hearing aid but still hear very well. But this is how I come across to others as not right mentally.

Getting a cataract surgery took a bit of paperwork. I did not renew my driver's license. Kristy took me to Total Eye Care. A lady came out with a lot of questions to fill out, as always. Like are you allergic to this or that, etc. She turned toward Kristy, her back to me, and began asking, "Does he..." not "Do you..." Kristy didn't know and I answered them.

Next, we went to another lady who needed to know more. Again, to Kristy, "Does he have secondary insurance besides Medicare?" I said, "No, I do not." To Kristy, "Does he?" Kristy said, "I don't know," and again I said, "No, I do not." Lady said, "Well we will look it up to see if he does."

Ten days after surgery, I went back to have an exam for new glasses. My wife, Irene, and Kristy went on errands. After the exams I went to another lady to talk about the frames. I told her the story about how rude the others treated me before. She explained options and we decided on frames. When Kristy came in to say they were back, she told the whole story to her and asked, "What do you think he should do?" Kristy and I explained the glasses were for me and not Kristy. I said, "I thought we already decided." She got papers and an appointment card and gave them to Kristy. I guess they put me in my place and let me know how I appear to others.

JACK WALTHER, LAMOILLE, NEVADA

true journalism in this once land of the free and home of the brave. This is not to imply that there are not a few of us left.

ANDREW MAGGARD
PORT HAYWOOD, VIRGINIA

I greatly appreciate all the work you do to save our western heritage. What would we do without you?

ANN LANGE, LAKE ISABELLA, CALIFORNIA

I think I will forego your *RANGE* magazine as you have become too political and have turned into a commercial bookstore. I know you feel you are protecting the cattlemen but when you express concern for people who break the law, I have to draw the line. Most of the laws were made to protect our citizens and our way of life and environment from people who abuse it. There are other ways to protect than guns and homegrown crazies.

ROSE M. JOHNSON, SALMON, IDAHO



Eeny, Meeny, Miney and Moo. Three bulls and a heifer were born to "just a run-of-the-mill red heifer and an Angus bull" owned by Dora Rumsey-Barling and husband, Jimmy. Dora says, "Three of the calves had been born before we even realized the heifer was pregnant."

We appreciate Rod Miller's "In It for the Bucks," in Spring 2015 on our life and business. He's a lifelong friend.

JOAN JARVIS, SPANISH FORK, UTAH

STICK IT WHERE?

Real hypocrites. Stick it where the sun doesn't shine. I suppose all those medical organizations, etc., are wrong when they say to reduce your red meat, etc., because it is healthier, or Pat Robertson of CBN the 700 Club when he stresses eat more fruits, vegetables, beans and nuts and get off that fast food. Yes, I suppose they're all wrong and you're all right.

BRAVELY ANONYMOUS, PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Keep up the good work. Y'all are a beacon in the darkness!

JIM PASS, GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

In my youth I was inspired by people who I considered to be intellectuals. I still hold this view today but now realize that "intellectual progressives" are the most dangerous thing in the world we live in.

JOSHUA HART, HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

GRATEFUL!

Thank you for publishing the Jameson Parker piece, "Laws For Sale, Prices Slashed" in Spring 2015. It makes "thinking folks" truly wonder where are the American people? Why the apathy? Why the denial? Why the extreme malleability and cowardice—the worst of any First World Nation? Why the refusals to grow up and take charge?

ROY HAYNES, DAINGERFIELD, TEXAS

RANGE is always incredible! Too bad the mass of the U.S. population doesn't understand what realism and common sense mean.

GARY TARVER, GILLETTE, WYOMING

I love the Spring issue, and especially your Up Front editorial, "Attitude on tilt." And please pass along my heartfelt kudos to Gail, Carrie and Paul for assembling a wonderful selection of quotes in Amazing Fact & Quotes. I still have a smile on my face from their clever efforts as I write these words.

BOB BROOKS, PORT ANGELES, WASHINGTON

I picked up a copy of your magazine at our local farm and feed store in Colville, Wash. We are on the same side in the battle to save America from a socialist takeover (if it's not too late) along with an economic collapse due to the criminal behavior of both political parties. I had almost resigned myself to not participate and let the crash and burn run its

course, but as of yet Humpty Dumpty hasn't fallen off the wall, although he is wobbling.

The only hope left is to educate the numerous economic and politically illiterate as to what is going on. The biggest shock of my life occurred after purchasing a ranch far from any urban area after the anti-Christ of freedom was elected to our highest office, only to find that approximately 40 percent of the ranchers and farmers voted for their own demise. Go figure? Thanks for taking a courageous frontline stand against the forces of darkness and make sure you have a good CPA, you will need one!

RON MONROE, BOTHELL, WASHINGTON

BAD WAY TO TREAT A STETSON

We really enjoyed reading Joe Zentner's story about John B. Stetson in the Winter 2015 issue. It brought to mind another "Stetson" story that you might find interesting. One summer day my husband, Chuck, received a phone call asking him if he would take a rancher up in his J5 Cub airplane to look for his cattle that had been on pasture down by the flooding river. Always eager to fly, my husband picked up him up at the local airport where he kept his plane. The flight, flying low and slow, went well for a while, but then my husband noticed a sound and smell from the backseat—his passenger was vomiting into his beautiful Stetson hat. They found cattle stranded on an island in the river and returned to the airport. Chuck's passenger was the father of Bonnie Dunbar, the astronaut.

MARJORIE BABCOCK, WAPATO, WASH.

You publish the best magazine out there.

MARY SANSOUCY, DUDLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

Keep pounding on the feds.

JESSE JIM HOFBAUER
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA

YOU HAVE NO RIGHTS

I will not renew a subscription with your magazine for various reasons. Obviously, the magazine is written (articles/comments) for the range livestock industry including those rancher/operators who are "permitted" to graze their livestock on the western federal/public land, i.e., USFS and BLM.

During the reading of the four issues I received and paid for, I got the message several times in many of your articles "jabbing" the federal/public land agencies. Your magazine is very biased and has a strong support for the range livestock industry. I've worked on both sides of the fence and know the mentality and sentiment/opinions that both sides come

from. Unfortunately, some of your articles support "outlaw" rancher/operators who only give a black eye to that lifestyle.

Finally, in closing, we must remember—federal/public land livestock grazing is a privilege, not a right and must follow mandates, policies and regulations as approved by the federal authorities in Washington, D.C.

H. GRANT HOGGAN, ELY, NEVADA
Half our readers are urban. Also, property rights are connected to the permits, and they are taxed. See page 56.—Ed.

We appreciate what you stand for and the values you are committed to. Reading *RANGE* revives the feeling of being an American.

THE YOUNGS, YERINGTON, NEVADA

TOTALLY ROGUE [thanks!]

The only way one would take out a subscription is if they are totally into fiction writing. The stories are slanted and taken out of context. The writers obviously are totally rogue.

BRAVELY ANONYMOUS, CHEYENNE, WYO.

I enjoy the fruits of your endeavors.

PATRICIA MARTIN, AMERICUS, KANSAS

I love this magazine—you cover America. My *National Geographic* has environmental lies and you have facts on the same issues. I'm so frustrated! Never stop your work, you're an angel. May God bless you all—you are brave.

ARLENE LUCIER, CARMEL, CALIFORNIA

I picked up a copy of *RANGE* magazine at Barnes & Noble today. I love it!

JACK T. EHRSMAN, W. LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

Growing up on a farm many years ago, I'm glad there's still a voice for agriculture. My daughter said the other day that the freaky thinkers are winning!

JEANETTE M. TREECE, SUSANVILLE, CALIF.

Keep digging. Your efforts and voice are greatly appreciated by those of us who understand the terms multiple use and public trust applied to management of public lands.

HAROLD SERSLAND, MESQUITE, NEVADA
See page 56.—Ed.

Re: "The Litigation Factory" in Spring 2015. Chance Gowan may know about wolf dogs but he does not know beans about wolves. A wolf is a silent attacker, it cuts an animal's hamstring, the prey falls and bawls as the wolf eats a meal of live round steak, then he howls twice (but never barks). A wolf does not kill; the prey dies of injury. He never eats carrion. Of your past cover photos of "wolves," three

are of yellow-eyed wolf dogs and two are of coyotes. A wolf has blue eyes only!

BRAVELY ANONYMOUS (NO POSTMARK)
Wolves, like all canids, are born with almost no pigment in the iris of their eyes. As pups they all appear to have light blue eyes, then, as they age, their eyes change color until about six months, when most wolves have brown or brown-green eyes.—Chance Gowan, science editor

LEAVE THE HORSES ALONE

I was shocked at the biased one-sided article you put in your magazine [See "A Nation of Horse Hoarders," by Rachel Dahl, Spring 2014] regarding the proposed horse roundup scheduled for later this year. The people using our public land for their private endeavors—cattle/sheep/fossil fuel exploration—have literally run our wild horses that are supposed to be protected off of what little land they've been confined to. I'm shocked that the Indian tribe supports this.... Leave wild horses alone and remove some of the cattle and other animals that are not there for the public's benefit.

JANET NEEDLER, BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON
Benefit? High-protein food and wool?—Ed.

SOROS & KOCHS

Dear Ms. Lamborn: The Koch brothers don't influence me. I know of them but they're not in my face like Bloomberg, Hillary and Peeewwoos. I suppose these folks are okay with you? What about shadowy George Soros?

I vote, and because of gerrymandering here in Virginia, my vote and thousands of other Republicans did not count. It's February 13 and I'm freezing my arse off here in southwest Virginia—it's going to be in the 20s all week. So much for the ice cap melting.

I have trouble with the EPA, NSA, DOE etc., too many rules and regulations. I do call or email my congressmen, senators and delegates at least once a week about their proposed intrusions into my...our life. I was at the Capitol on Lobby Day, did I see you? I also keep an eye on local government shenanigans.

I turn on my heat source only when needed, wear a knit cap almost all the time—neighbors can attest to that—turtleneck, vest, fleece, sweatpants and leg warmers during the day. Believe me, I'm no fashionista! I am also prudent and financially solvent.

Chinese burning our coal—we have methods to "clean" it and could use it here if some weren't trying to be so politically greeny correct. Face it, job loss equals government dependence and that's the plan.

I'm on a very limited budget, I suppose because those Koch brothers forgot to send a check, so I can't afford a wind turbine or

those Chinese-made solar panels. And might I remind you our budget deficit is the biggest ever recorded in the world, thanks to out-of-control leadership, or lack thereof.

So “touché” and you’d better keep reading *RANGE*.

LINDA MEYER, SPEEDWELL, VIRGINIA
Check Lamborn’s letter at rangemagazine.com, Back Issues, Spring 2015.—Ed.

Well, since the Koch brothers political giving is always brought up as an example of conservative millionaires giving to influence the political outcome, I thought it was only fair to look at the liberal side of this issue with the same rules. I did a little research.... My source is www.opensecrets.org and Wikipedia.

The Koch brothers, Charles and David, are millionaires (maybe billionaires) who made their fortune in the oil industry and other investments. Frederick Koch developed a new way of cracking oil into gasoline.

The second player in this game of blame is George Soros, also a millionaire (maybe billionaire) who made his fortune in commodities and money trading, aka The Man [Who] Broke the Bank of England in 1992 with a short sale of U.S. dollars.

First the Koch brothers: Charles Koch so far this year (2014) has donated \$209,832, 14 recipients of whom are Democrats including Mark Udall, Colo. David Koch so far this year (2014) has donated \$285,780, two recipients of whom are Democrats. Total \$495,612.

Second player George Soros, who so far this year (2014) has donated \$1,997,900—2.8 times what the Kochs did combined—all donations to Democrats.

RON PATTERSON, FLORISSANT, COLORADO

How we enjoyed reading the Red Meat Survivor story about Wes Haskins in Spring 2015 edition of *RANGE*. We hadn’t thought of him in years but memories took us back to the early ’70s. Melvin and I raised potatoes in McArthur, Calif., and worked with Wes in John O’Neil’s spud cellar in McArthur. He kept the shed running while Melvin dug potatoes in the field and I sold potatoes out of the shed and did the book work. Wes’ knowledge of the mechanics of potato sorting was invaluable to our operation. Many miles have we traveled since those days. Our hats go off to a Red Meat Survivor, Wes Haskins.

HARRIET CRUM, JOHN DAY, OREGON

HOT NEW YORKER

Last night I saw a special on the Fox News Channel about the BLM and other government agencies’ abuses of landowners’ rights

and would like to inform you of some very important legislation presented by Congressman Tom Reed of the 23rd New York Congressional District. It is called “DOPRA,” the Defense of Property Rights Act, Bill# HR510. Basically what it says is that any government agency, be it village, township, county, state or federal, that deprives you of reasonable access to wealth on your property may be sued for the estimated value of your loss, including court costs. Please urge everyone you know to call their congressmen to support it if you agree with the merits of the bill.

DON MUGGLIN, VIA EMAIL

To Barry Perryman: Always read and enjoy your column “Tales from the Wasteland” in *RANGE*. However, your recent effort [“Unprepared,” Spring 2015] was so totally right on, I felt I had to say thank you! I am getting too damned old to even worry about all the b.s. anymore, and wouldn’t, except I got a ton of kids, grandkids and even great-grandkids. Lost one in Afghanistan, but worry like hell for all the rest, not to mention the millions of other great kids with still some chance of getting it right in what’s left of this once great Nation.

Guess I am going to have to keep the gate locked on the lane into our adobe for protection. If you ever come by, just launch a bullet my direction, I will open the gate!

TONY LESPERANCE, PARADISE VALLEY, NEV.

In Letters [Spring 2015], Bravely Anonymous from Boise, Idaho, was bad-mouthing dogs. My ancestors were cattle ranching in the White Mountains of Arizona and the Mogolon Mountains of New Mexico from the 1870s on. They always used dogs to work their cattle. In rough mountains and brush and timber, a dog is worth his weight in gold. Gathering “brush ups” out of rough canyons and brush has saved hundred of hours of hard horse work. You can train a dog and he will only heel what he is supposed to heel. They are extremely intelligent and are invaluable for doing ranch work. Just thought I’d put in my two bits.

MARTY BUSH, BOULDER CITY, NEVADA

This site, <http://www.cof.orst.edu/hart/hart-studies.html>, is showing that removing cattle grazing and leaving the land alone results in the range being restored. A number of articles in *RANGE* offer a contradictory opinion. I support *RANGE*’s efforts to support range management that includes grazing.

Perhaps you can pass this on to your writers to comment about the info contained in

these studies.

HAROLD MARX, CORVALLIS, OREGON
See Allan Savory’s “Special Report: Cows Can Save the World” on page 41.—Ed.

CALLING ON THE FEDS

I, Chad Scott, a student of private property rights, call on all government agencies, especially the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, and Army Corps of Engineers to end their conspiracy to deprive Americans of their private property rights. Private property rights have been a cornerstone of western civilization for centuries and our government was set up to protect life, liberty and property. These agencies trying to take control of our water, deny legally acquired grazing permits, and act outside of their authority are pure evil.

I demand that these agencies end their conspiracy to deprive Americans of their land patents, vested water rights, and grazing rights. I strongly urge these government agencies to follow sound science, not radical environmental science, and acknowledge the beneficial effects cattle grazing have on rural communities, family farmers, and other species. I am reminding these government agencies that farmers are the backbone of America, and when the family farmer is gone, America as we know it is gone.

CHAD SCOTT, WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI

Oops, I paid too much. Guess you will have to find a way to spend it!

JIM GERBER, ST. ANTHONY, IDAHO