

Opinion from America's Outback

WAY TO ROLL!

I am 76 years old, fifth-generation rancher on our original homestead. Struggling with the world and its new outlook. We need you and your ideas. We like the way you roll.

THE HOWELL FAMILY, DAYTON, IDAHO

Not much "extra," but I hope it will help keep things rolling along for *RANGE*, one of very few willing to spread the truth on many matters. Much appreciated! God bless.

H.D. CARTER, ERIE, COLORADO

OPINIONS ON WOLVES

Chance Gowan's "Special Report: Wolves" in Summer 2019 is by far the best explanation of the result of protection that I have ever seen. All of our politicians need to read it.

WALLACE W. WOLF JR., DVM

THE DALLES, OREGON

Your special report in Summer 2019 chilled my spine. I live in the middle of wolf country in Idaho and we have grandchildren who hunt and visit us. Maybe not right yet, but how long do we have to wait before all this becomes a reality?

JOHN GILLIAM, LENORE, IDAHO
P.S.: Don't slow down or give up. You are making a difference.

I live in Montana and your article about the wolves is what is happening here in Madison County. Way less game and moose in our area are now living on the river. Seeing more and more critters down low.

JOHN SAMMONS, MCALLISTER, MONTANA

I offer a story as a counter and correction to the article "Are Wolves Really the Problem?" at rangemagazine.com and published in your Summer 2019 edition.

First, the article makes numerous claims with no supporting information. This type of writing is unheard of in the scientific community which Mr. Gowan claims membership in as a biologist. I offer counters to many of his claims with scientific research cited and would appreciate the opportunity to have this article run as a feature. It is just over 2,000 words.

CHRIS BACHMAN, WILDLIFE PROG. DIRECTOR
THE LANDS COUNCIL, SPOKANE, WASH.
Chris: Average cost per page in RANGE is \$2,000 (including overhead). Can you help sponsor that \$8,000 request?—Ed.
Chris: I ask you and your brethren to reread my

article, particularly the closing graphs. I said we owe it to the wolves to find a solution to this mess, and I'm also saying that we owe it to rural Americans too! A little study of scientific method might not hurt either.—Chance Gowan

THE CAVALRY TO MONTANA

Thank you very much for getting our story here in Montana about the dangers of the American Prairie Reserve out to the people!

I enjoy Mr. Skinner and his "unique" perspective on a bunch of issues and his stories! I



really appreciate what you *all* are doing. I'm sure I am not stepping on anyone's toes when I thank you for *all* of us here who Mr. Skinner visited with and look forward to reading what his take is on us "crazy cowboys" out here in God's country that we are taking care of for Him! With upmost gratitude!

LEANNE DELANEY, GRASS RANGE, MONTANA
Don't miss the amazing and brilliant monster called "Critical Mass" by Dave Skinner, starting on page 16.—Ed.

Only magazine that makes me stop what I'm doing when it comes!

PHILLIP DUBEAU, CHROMO, COLORADO

DISARMED & DESTROYED

NOTE: Washington state Rep. Matt Shea, a Republican, spoke with Daniel Di Martino early this year. Di Martino and his family are Venezuelan political refugees finding legal refuge in America. Shea asked him if it is true

that the people of Venezuela were disarmed and if they were not would the plight of their once vibrant healthy nation be as it is today? This is Daniel's response:

"Initially we law-abiding citizens were disarmed, yes. Then the regime purposefully gave military-level weapons to groups of paid socialist thugs who kill people who protest. We know they did that because the weapons are the same the regime buys from Russia. In my opinion, if law-abiding Venezuelans were armed, we wouldn't need any external help to get rid of the regime. But since we are not, we really need the U.S., Colombia and Brazil to help us."

Daniel is attending Purdue University in Indianapolis, majoring in quantitative economics. He says, "I write and talk about economics and politics, specifically the importance of freedom, taxes, regulations, and international affairs." ■

I'm an old worn-out cowpuncher. Worked with the Spanish Ranch wagon three times back in the '60s—actually the Squaw Valley wagon, as they ran two wagons. The Spanish Ranch is north of Elko, Nev.—a huge outfit. Also worked with the J Wagon or Marble Ranch out of Deeth in the fall of '63 and for the Waggoner out of Vernon, Texas, for five years from '64 to '69. Rode broncs at RCA rodeos during the '70s then back to punching cows in New Mexico and then the Sandhills of Nebraska where I've been for 30 years.

Between the bunny huggers, the tree huggers and the liberals, we are fighting an uphill battle. Keep up the good work.

DAVE PRICE, VALENTINE, NEBRASKA

POLITICS & STRUGGLES

My cousin in Missouri sent me an article about prairie chickens. There is a parallel with



our sage hens. They don't mention the exploding predator populations: fox, raccoon, raven, crows and, most of all, nest-robber skunks. They can actually smell the eggs.

DEWEY DIETZ, PRINEVILLE, OREGON

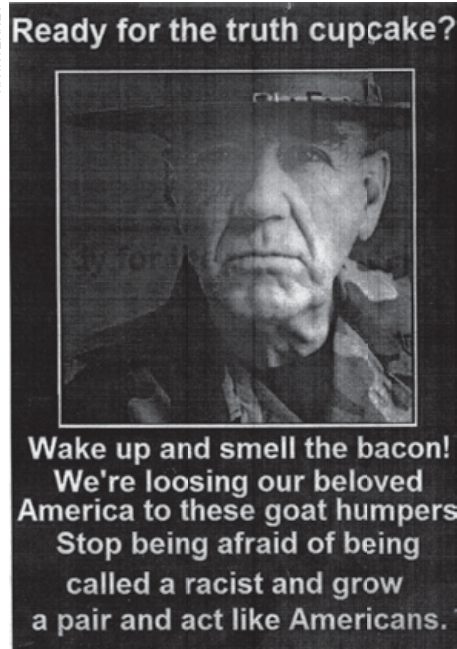
I enjoy the magazine but politics and human struggles just make us mad!

NOEL & MARY ANN NEUSCHWANDER
HARRISBURG, OREGON

WAKE UP & SMELL THE BACON

I am sending you this as it voices my thoughts. I just don't have the public platform the "Old Sarge" has. He is a retired Marine

VIA INTERNET



and former drill instructor. He has appeared on TV and in movies. My favorite is "Full Metal Jacket." Please view it with no children around. That movie is a testament to all our military and the training they receive, unknown to civilians and this "me" generation of young folks.

Please keep on doing just what you are doing and don't change the magazine. I salute your individualism, patriotism and your entrepreneurship. People like you make me proud to be an American.

MICHAEL R. MONAHAN
FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS

Enclosed is my two-year subscription renewal plus \$100 to keep the individual wheels of liberty moving forward.

Ranching and farming are on the endangered species list. Our individual water rights are being intentionally squeezed into oblivion by bureaucratic deep-state practitioners who seek to destroy the entire capitalistic system

that has been the foundation of our country since pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock.

Note: The pilgrims tried a collective society and almost starved to death for lack of communal effort. When they decided to let individuals keep some of the fruits of their hard work, they too flourished. Amazing how the true enterprise system works given the opportunity.

Do not weaken in the cause for individual freedom and liberty!

DAVID KRUEGER, SPRAGUE RIVER, OREGON

You are amazing and appreciated.

SANDRA SOUTHARD, PORTERVILLE, CALIF.

Thank you for continuing to share American values and publishing articles that are important to rural life. The photos you share are beautiful. Please continue to write about our country, its land, people, livestock and animals. I support you.

RENE CHALLIS, ENTERPRISE, OREGON

Great magazine. Beautiful prose!

DR. ROBERT & LAURIE DRYDEN
TUCSON, ARIZONA

I took this picture of my daughter, Desirae, fast asleep with her bottle calf Lucky. I was



hoping I could submit it to use in your magazine or calendar. *We love them!*

KIERSTIN ROWLEY, BLODGETT, OREGON

Bill Jones was spot on ["Politically Incorrect? Guilty as Charged," Summer 2019]. In this old cowboy's opinion, there are few out there who can write with so much passion and fun as Bill. He is a "placer of words" like very few out there. Bill has lived life like most of us never will and I believe that is where his expertise comes from! I always look forward to reading Bill and another friend, Lee Pitts!

Check yer cinch on occasion.

MAD JACK HANKS, WELLINGTON, COLORADO

The most awesome magazine I carry in my office.

DR. BRIAN JENSEN, BELGRADE, MONTANA

BEST PLACE IN AMERICA

Let Bill Woodward know ["The Best Place in America," Summer 2019] that the sign on the door reads "Push Hard," not "Pull Hard."

BILL ENNIS, BEAUFORT, NORTH CAROLINA
Afraid that was my mistake. My final edited copy said "Pull hard." Things must be a little slow in Douglas, Wyo.—Bill Woodward

I am honored that you would let a guy who isn't sure which end of a horse goes forward write about the West. One minor note: the cutline for the little yellow house somehow got married up with the photo of the turkeys [Summer 2019]. No sweat—that house is probably of the same era and is in Buffalo—just wanted you to be aware of it. Many thanks for the chance to write for you.

BILL WOODWARD, BUFFALO, WYOMING

Did Bill Woodward ever get *that* right? We live in the small rural town of Etna, Calif., in far Northern California and in the past few years there has been a movement to "make Etna a destination place." *Huge* media effort for a little town of 700 that used to be a town of "sustaining businesses" for the people who live here. That isn't good enough for some folks and now the "agri-tourism" bug has come to the County Planning Department, which is really an arm of the Siskiyou County Economic Development Council. No matter how we try to explain or how many letters we write, eyes glaze over and we are called "dinosaurs," "don't want change," [and] "NIMBYs." It's *exactly* what Bill said: "I just love it here, it is like going back in time," and then "We need a _____," and "Yes, what we need is _____." They are never happy. Everything they left urbania because of, they now can't live without. Has driven up the price of everything, especially eating-out places, trying to out-destination the others. Thanks, Bill!

CHE'USA & EB WHIPPLE, ETNA, CALIFORNIA

RANGE articles are factual, timely and influential. Hope you can continue for many years.

BILL PICKELL, HOQUIAM, WASHINGTON
Please help spread the word by sharing your issue with others or leaving it in a busy waiting room.—Ed.



CHECK THE NUMBERS

Wild horses aren't destroying the range. It's being destroyed by the overgrazing of cattle and sheep by welfare ranchers.

JENNIFER M., VIA RANGEFIRE
Time for you to learn something, Sunshine. Look at the numbers at rangemagazine.com, via RANGEdex, and click on Winter 2011 for a special report on mustangs. Sadly, not much has changed, except for ever-growing numbers of horses.—Ed.

As a BLM geologist in northern Nevada and southern Oregon, I spent many years in the field. Some of the worst range and riparian degradation I witnessed was caused by the sacred wild horse. I guess their farts must be sacred too, as I have never heard a climate-change fanatic complain about their flatulence.

DENNIS SIMONTACCHI, LAKEVIEW, OREGON

Your magazine is a very important source of information for what is happening to us folks in the West. Here's an extra \$100 to help keep the lights on.

ANTHONY MILLER, KUNA, IDAHO

Love *RANGE* and treasure each issue. One of the few I read cover to cover and trust.

MARY LUDINGTON, COQUILLE, OREGON

Thank you for a great Summer 2019 issue. Provided two of my favorite bedtime reading topics—wolves and *Los Federales!* Blessings.

ANDY SMITH, ELKTON, OREGON

In *RANGE* ["Outback Roundup 2019: The Winners"], Summer 2019, I was stunned to see the picture of the thunderstorm in [South] Dakota. I well remember those violent storms on my grandfather's ranch near Union Center. He had cattle killed several times by lightning during those storms.

Enjoyed Chance Gowan's article about wolves in Washington state. Idaho went

through the same process of denying everything until the leaders finally came to their senses. The best law Idaho has is that wolves can be killed year-round on private property if they are attacking livestock or pets. Idaho passed a law this year that allows five tags each for hunting or trapping harvest as long as both seasons are open. Of course, everyone still has to deal with the feds deciding if it was a wolf kill. I remember in 1996 on a ranch on the Salmon River when there was a dispute about whether a wolf killed a calf. In trying to get the rancher to admit to shooting the wolf, his response was: "Only a fool would admit to shooting a wolf. The only thing I can tell you with certainty is that there is a dead calf out there with a dead wolf lying on top of it, and I want to be paid for the dead calf."

I could relate to "Grazin' Might Keep You From Blazin'" by Dan Dagget. Many old-timers remembered herding sheep during the 1920s and '30s to keep brush and weeds down after fires in 1910, 1919, and during the 1920s.

FRED SCOTT, WALLACE, IDAHO

RANGE has done it again! Summer 2019 is *powerful*. I love reading truth straight from the source. Just awesome. Get it, read it, share it.

JENNIFER NETTINGA APPLIGATE, VIA FACEBOOK

In May 2018, the Viewpoint Fire in Prescott Valley, Ariz., was a raging grassland fire with strong winds that threatened the subdivision and could have moved rapidly to the north into wide-open country. Fortunately, as showed in Dan Dagget's "Grazin' Might Keep You From Blazin'" in Summer 2019, when it reached state land, a local rancher's cows had grazed the area and reduced available fuel to the point that the fire quickly was contained. Thanks to the fire crews that did such a great job also.

JIM AND SUSAN BRICKER, PRESCOTT, ARIZONA



This photo could be called, "Cowboys work hard all week and go to church on Sunday?"

PATSY SANCHEZ, VIA EMAIL

REAL COWGIRLS

I was especially pleased with Todd Klassy's "Real Cowgirls of Montana" in Summer 2019. We turn out some beauties, don't we? On page 26 you picture a young lady who is the granddaughter of a friend who I was in vocational agriculture and FFA with back in the 1960s. Lily Melin of Pray, Mont., is pictured with her nephew, Max Iverson, on a horse at roundup time. Young Max was tragically killed in a freak accident this year. He was five. Seeing this photo was so touching as I am still friends with Max's great-grandpa.

JOE PARRIOTT, LIVINGSTON, MONTANA

RANGE is a breath of fresh air in this crazy world. We thoroughly enjoy each edition.

JON & CINDY MURPHY, WASHOE VALLEY, NEV.

Thanks for the "Bard" piece [Summer 2019]. Carolyn [Dufurrena] did a fine job.

JOHN DOFFLEMYER, LEMON COVE, CALIF.

While reading Rachel Dahl's "Federal Cops" in the Summer issue, my husband, Jack, noticed a picture of his grandfather, William J. Dorrington, and his friend, C. James Smith. At the time Jack's grandfather was head ranger in the new Glacier National Park. While a park ranger, he didn't carry a gun, but he did later as a game warden. We have the same photo, taken in front of one of the park lodges, in the family albums and a copy of Mr. Smith's obit. Think that was an Army uniform on him as he was a captain in WWI. Before going into the Park Service as a ranger, William was a deputy sheriff in Teton County, Mont., under his father-in-law, John "Wagon Wheel" Zimmerman. This family has a very interesting, well-documented history in early day Montana.

LINDA ANDERSON, HELENA, MONTANA

DISAPPOINTED

I would think that the publishers of a magazine like *RANGE* would get it that *rural* America, where most of us live who subscribe to this magazine, is mostly made up of *conservatives*. Why would you think we want to read about liberals and socialism and Trump bashing? Trying to convince people that the Democrats' idea of socialism is a good one is offensive to me. Nobody who really looked at countries that embrace socialism in any form could possibly think it's a good idea. We will *not* be renewing our subscription.

SHERRY COOK, VIA EMAIL

Ahhh! You must be referring to "Learning from Ludwig" by Vess Quinlan. Here is his response:

"I can only conclude that either it is a failure of clarity in my article or Sherry Cook failed to grasp my point. How praising Ludwig Von Mises and quoting from Rummel's study could possibly be suggesting that the modern version of 'Democratic socialism' might be an improved version of a failed philosophy stuns me. I will try and write with more clarity in the future."—Ed.

Thanks so much for your dedication, hard work and sacrifice to make RANGE possible, year after year after year.

Among many other items in Summer 2019, I really liked "California Bloodlines: Claudia Russell" by Tom Russell. The photo of the family all together brings a tear to my eye every time I look at it. What a treasure. Aside from being an honest and real person who I admire, I enjoy his music and have most of his albums. If he's ever traveling through the Portland area, he and his family are always welcome to stay with us.



CHRISTOPHER BURKETT, PORTLAND, ORE.
As readers of RANGE are aware, predators are unpredictable and prey has regular habits. As the current POTUS, Trump is also aware. (I suggest you send him a complimentary subscription.) The ridiculous condition of the southern border is a national emergency, given the increasingly attractive economy here. But The Donald will leave a door open for libs, if they regain control, to declare "climate change" is also one if he pulls that trigger. Let's watch what the predator does and not try to predict him.

ROB WELLS, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

Keep up the truth. You're doing great!

DUTCH FOWLER, VIA FACEBOOK

Love the magazine and especially the range-management articles. It should be required reading by all politicians and bureaucrats.

JAY MACDONALD, MARIPOSA, CALIFORNIA
Members of Congress, the president and Cabinet receive free subs thanks to ranchers. Please help "encourage" them to actually read it.—Ed.

BLOODTHIRSTY PSYCHOPATHS

Oh no, are all the bloodthirsty psychopaths sad because they won't be able to keep viciously and thoughtlessly wreaking havoc on local wildlife and ecosystems just to prove what strong, virile "men" they are? Poor widdle babies. You people are just like coal miners, clinging to a dying industry that is killing the planet. The rest of the world is moving on and you should too—preferably to something that doesn't involve torturing the innocent.

RACHEL RAKACZKY, VIA RANGEFIRE
What's your position on infanticide?—Ed.

Just came from my 89-year-old aunt who still lives life to the fullest doing what she has done her whole life...raising cattle...and of course once again came away with my prize gifts she gives me each year...calendar, book "The Magnificent American West" and some awesome RANGE magazines. She doesn't like recognition so I will just say this: Joyce Shaw from Onyx, Calif., is one hell of a cattle-woman, they just don't make too many of them like her anymore and she is the lucky one to have a son, a grandson and three great-grandsons to try and fill her boots and they are doing a pretty damn good job doing it. Thanks RANGE for putting a smile on this "wannabe" cowgirl...might never have a lot of cattle but damn sure can enjoy what I have and most of all what you all provide for us.

GG, VIA FACEBOOK
Check page 83 for info on "MAW?"—Ed.

Keep up the good work. This is the first \$5 I have given to any organization in memory.

CARL JONES, MIDWAY, UTAH
Thanks, Carl. RANGE can always use a fin (and a few sawbucks) because we need all the help we can get to spread the word, encourage

subscriptions, and replenish the kitty.—Ed.