



**Opinion from  
America's Outback**

**LET'S TALK**

It tickles me when you get the disgruntled comments. I don't always agree with some of your authors but that is O.K. At least we have conversation. I live in the Midwest and many of your topics are not relevant to our country environment or livestock practices. I have learned a lot. God bless cowboys, ranchers, farmers, loggers, and agriculture.

DAN BAILEY, SEDALIA, MISSOURI

Whoever is in charge of the *RANGE* magazine Facebook page does a really nice job!

TOM STACK, CITRUS SPRINGS, FLORIDA

*That compliment has been well-earned by Marjorie Haun.—Ed.*

**OUCH!**

I was horrified to see the profane rancor with which Illinois reader David Weidleer attacked you in his "TYPICAL CRAP" letter to the Spring 2025 issue. Mr. Weidleer suggests he'd prefer that "the BLM blow the \*\*\*\* out of...all your so-called western patriot ranchers." Ouch. Fortunately your dedication has *RANGE* describing the truth about sustainable commodity production in the West. A

person can't really understand it if they haven't lived it. Your coverage is the next best thing.

JOE ETCHART, GLASGOW, MONTANA

**RUTHIE'S TABLE**

As a complete stranger I was invited by Robin Perry and his folks, Bob and "Ditty," to spend spring break at the ranch in 1960. [Check out "Ruthie's Table" by Lara Richardson, Summer

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*Many look forward to RANGE's next issue. Agricultural families are able to see the challenges, rewards, and accomplishments of others. Current issues, science, culture, and humor are all professionally displayed. Most of all you educate people from many different backgrounds. Keep up the good work.*

ROBIN DELL'ORTO, MOKELUMNE HILL, CALIFORNIA

*Robin's grandchildren, Coney and Knox, were on the cover.—Ed.*

**SAVE WESTERN FORESTS**

Over the last couple of decades, I have watched many of my most treasured places in Idaho burn beyond recognition. These include places where four generations of my family have camped, hunted and fished, not to mention the loss of grazing and logging that benefits all of us.

I have written many letters to editors (before the newspapers became almost irrelevant), emails to my senators and representatives, even a letter to the editor-in-chief at *National Geographic*, receiving only lip service if I got any response at all.

I'm optimistic about the new administration attempting to address this issue. In "Reading the Room" (Summer 2025), Chris Conrad encourages us to stand up and fight but offers no suggestions on where to start.

Nowadays I'm restricted on my time away from home due to being an in-home caregiver. Maybe Mr. Conrad could share some ideas on how to get into the fight.

I've been a subscriber for probably 25

years or more. Your work has done more than any other publication to expose the abuse inflicted on the ranching community in the West by the various environmental groups and government entities.

Never give up!

ANTHONY MILLER, KUNA, IDAHO

Anthony: Thanks for reading the article. In response to your inquiry about what we can do to save the western forests, there are a number of stalwart groups fighting the good fight for the rural West. Join one of them. American Stewards of Liberty (<https://americanstewards.us/>) is a good place to start. They have remained in the fight for the truth across the West and have proven they are not afraid to speak up. They just produced a whole issue on just that subject in their quarterly publication called "Standing Ground."

There are others but, sadly, a lot fewer than there should be. The lamentable truth about the establishment of the collaborative groups (at the Forest Service's encourage-

ment approximately 15 years ago) is that it effectively silenced most of the public voices on our side who chose to join each collaborative. Good plan for the government. Not so much for communicating the truth to the public. It's one of the biggest reasons for the lack of fight from many on the pro-management side today at the very time we need it.

Keep writing letters, emails, etc. Show no fear in the face of foolishness no matter where it comes from or who has agreed to embrace it. That's primary. The change in the country that is needed is going to happen only one voice at a time. Trump gained the respect of all of us for having the courage to stand up. So, long ago, did C.J. Hadley. Courage is contagious. We're called to do the same.

Thanks for speaking up. Your voice is part of the fight. You're already doing it. Keep using it. And keep subscribing to *RANGE*. In truth that's probably the best investment any of us can make.

CHRIS CONRAD, SONORA, CALIFORNIA

came naturally from her parents and being part of a family of seven.

The Perry dining table was always filled to overflowing with children, their friends and anyone else was welcome. Ditty was remarkable, whether it was taking care of the household, teaching Sunday school or running to Grand Junction for parts and supplies needed on the ranch. She, like Ruthie, was never without a smile and a laugh. They were wonderful witnesses to the Lord and have influenced people around the globe.

PAUL GEASLAND, RESERVE, NEW MEXICO

I have read the article “Ruthie’s Table” by Lara Richardson in the Summer 2025 issue and found Lara’s writing to be so interesting and purchased her book “The Table.” I highly recommend it to anyone who loves to read about families and community. It is a wonderful book and I hope she writes others, too.

JOAN MEYER, COLUMBUS, OHIO

Re: The cancellation request from Eric Fiddyment in the Summer 2025 issue on page 8. There’s a reason California is considered the fruit and nut capital of the world. My guess is Eric leans far to the left and wears his hat too tight! Don’t change anything.

PAT BRADY, VIA EMAIL

## JUST ASKING

Regarding “Reading the Room” in Summer 2025: “On the way to Election Day a real never-took-place-before campaign phenomenon happened: we watched live as a presidential candidate actually grew into someone bigger than himself.” Who writes this stuff?? Do they know anything about American history? And what’s with the three-legged lion? Is that an analogy of the phenom currently inhabiting the White House? Just asking.

RICK MOORE, KALISPELL, MONTANA

## JUST ANSWERING

CJ: Thanks for forwarding Rick’s letter. I figured I might hit a nerve with a few Trump Derangement Syndrome types. Regarding the lion, I had already done a little homework on that AI image before I included it in the article, and there was some chatter about the three legs out there from the TDS types. It was one reason I liked it. It drove some on the left crazy.

Regarding Mr. Moore’s inquiry, “Who writes this stuff??” My name is on the article. I wrote it. Trump did grow into someone bigger than himself on the campaign trail. Simple fact. It was a never-been-done-before cam-

paign phenomena. Simple fact. He has become a man who dominates the world stage because of it. Simple fact. Our own government did try to take him out. Simple fact.

OK, so he’s not Mr. Moore’s kind of hero. If he wants to expand on that ask him to send me an email c/o cj@rangemagazine.com. I’d be happy to discuss American history with him. And what’s happening in the woods.

CHRIS CONRAD, SONORA, CALIFORNIA



The problem with government is that people accept it. Government is not legitimate when politicians represent the billionaires and not the people who are entitled to vote for them. Have you ever heard a politician state that only the people in a voting district should be involved in that district’s electoral process? Well, James Madison said it in Federalist Paper #52, ¶2. But since then, it has been “follow the money.” A government that has been stolen from the people by the billionaires is unacceptable.

ROGER WHITTEN, OTHELLO, WASHINGTON

Thank you so much for all that you do and your wonderful RANGE magazine does for us each quarter. You and your writers/contributors do so much to say what the vast majority of us who lack such a forum can’t. You are such a breath of “appreciative fresh air,” especially one who came to America from the United Kingdom. America is blessed to have such as you as our ally!

Here’s an extra \$60 for wherever it can be placed best. May Our Lord bless you always in your continued endeavors.

PAUL & MAUREEN LENNON, EAGLE, IDAHO

I forgot to tell you I read your note in the recent issue about your *Sports Illustrated* assignment to cover the rodeo in Spanish Fork, Utah. That is my ancestral hometown, and it is a longstanding family tradition to attend the

rodeo each year as a family. And I was present the night you covered that rodeo years ago. You should have said hi!

STEPHEN M. STUDDERT, MIDWAY, UTAH  
See page 64 for Steve’s “Who’s On First?”—Ed.

With every issue of RANGE, I find at least one thing I want to write and comment on but have only done so once or twice in all these years. Every issue is read cover to cover at least a couple of times and always beginning with “Up Front.”

I’ve long known you came to us by way of England and via Canada but never appreciated the full complexity of it. The United States and most certainly those of us who have chosen to live and struggle to make a living where sagebrush and cattle vastly outnumber people certainly owe your parents a huge debt of gratitude for managing to scrape together that 70 pounds so many years ago to send their daughter on a ship across the Atlantic with the hope of a better life.

Thank you to your parents for making that decision back in 1958 and to you for what you have made of that opportunity with this gift of RANGE to all of us. I hope I’m fortunate enough to always discover a new issue in my mailbox several times a year for as long as I live. I also hope it manages to survive both of us. You may have landed on the one more difficult way to make a living than ranching, but you’ve done a damn good job of it!

THOMAS M. REESE, BAKER CITY, OREGON  
*Thank you for your support. I’ve loved every minute of it, always wishing I could do more. Now RANGE has a younger, savvier publisher who has asked me to continue as editor for as long as I like. I have learned a great deal out here on the high desert and cherish my 36 years loitering on the fringes of the lives of America’s good ranchers, farmers and other resource providers. I am not going anywhere...as long as I’m upright.—CJ*

## ERRATA

Thank you for inviting me to prepare a story on the original old-type Navajo sheep [“Nurtured By Navajo,” Summer 2025] and to rescue them from near extinction. One problem I did notice on the caption for the lone sheep grazing in Monument Valley. That is in Utah and Arizona, not Colorado. The other one is that 6,000 head have been saved, bred back, etc. That figure represents both registered and nonregistered Navajo-Churro sheep too. Most Navajos have these sheep flocks but don’t get them registered due to their remote locations, no access to a breed inspector, or not enough money to pay the registration and membership fees of the Navajo-Churro Sheep Associa-

tion. Anyway, thanks for your support and interest in this story.

DR. LYLE MCNEAL, NIBLEY, UTAH  
*My apologies, those were our mistakes.—Ed.*

### SAY IT ISN'T SO!

Please immediately cancel my subscription to your magazine.

GRANT GRIFFIN, CRANBROOK, B.C., CANADA  
*How did I offend?—C.J. Hadley, editor, RANGE*

The short answer is “Trump”! The slightly longer answer is: Since the U.S. presidential election and DJT’s mind and tongue got increasingly loose with the truth, a great many Canadians (including myself) started eschewing things made in U.S.A. This movement increased with DJT’s election and his choices for cabinet. Personally I was down to Jack Daniels, romaine lettuce and *RANGE* magazine. Then in a recent issue, your leading column quoted a few of DJT’s favorite lies. I nearly lost my breakfast!

With my note to you I am now down to romaine lettuce and I understand that Canadian grocers are trying earnestly to find a Mexican source for that. I wish you and American food producers well. And God bless. U.S.A. is going to need the latter in spades if you are to survive Trump.

GRANT GRIFFIN, CRANBROOK, B.C.  
*Please don't blame our great farmers for what you don't like about "The Donald." Do you blame President Biden for his four years?—Ed.*

My admiration for *RANGE* grows and it gets better. It is important to the whole country and especially to agriculture everywhere.

MARY BRANSCOMB, LAMOILLE, NEVADA

### PULLING CALVES, SHOOTING BEARS

*At some times*

*In the same place*

*The best and worst things*

*Someone can do*

*Need to be done on the same day*

There was one truly horrible day on the Switchback Ranch (Dilworth Bench, Wyo.) where we lived and worked cattle in the '60s. It began, ironically, at one of my favorite moments in ranching—pulling a calf—something that normally left me soaring for the rest of the day. But later on that day I found the mauled carcass of a week-old foal, taken by an adult male grizzly that had killed one the week before. We had seen him in the hayfield and knew where we would find him. He was a beautiful animal, that I would have left alone were he only taking an occasional calf. But prize Quarter horses (Sundog Line) were something else. He had to go. I was depressed for a week.

MARK DOWIE, PT. REYES STATION, CALIF.

### YIKES!

I have never sent in anything before, but I thought this was a cute picture. I ran a dairy equipment business in western Montana and in conjunction with our county extension agent we put on an agricultural day for our fourth graders in our Mission Valley every year. This scene catches the moment some kids are



experiencing their first encounter with a milking machine.

I enjoy your magazine more than any other and share it with as many as I can.

JEFF NELSON, POLSON, MONTANA

It seems that AI and just copying stuff from the Web is killing most kids’ imaginations and their ability to think in general. Without computers, it seems very few can write or draw, plus they can’t do anything without looking it up on their phones to get instructions. They can’t drive 10 miles away without their GPS. They can’t hammer a nail. They are helpless without their phones. I have older friends like that too. It’s so sad.

CINDY MONROE, WOODBINE, MARYLAND

As I’ve often lectured urban friends or ignorant others, vicious persecution of western people is a daily occurrence in the fed-occupied West. Trump released the Hammonds in his first term, sadly after serving much of their five-year sentences. The other untold story, even in the upbeat article [about the Maudes], is the immense damage and misery inflicted by government autocrats on decent, regular people such as the Maudes, the Hammonds, the Bundys, Hank Vogler and far too many others—not to mention LaVoy Finicum—tens of thousands in legal expenses, ruined finances, ruined farm and ranch operations, splintered families, agonizing, sleepless nights, heartache. No wonder westerners rallied at Malheur (which Wiki-leftist-media characterizes as “an armed group of right-wing militants seized and occupied the headquarters of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge”). The wonder is that western people haven’t risen up en masse long before and constantly.

JOHN HOAK, BIG HORN, WYOMING

I really appreciate all your efforts to keep rural lands, rural families and the rural way of life a priority.

TERRI ARINGTON, COLUMBIA, CALIF.

You are whipping and spurring!

SPIKE CLIFFORD, RONAN, MONTANA

### STOP THE CLIMATE SUBSIDIES!

*By Richard Lindzen and William Happer*

Physics demonstrates that the Inflation Reduction Act’s (IRA’s) trillion-dollar climate subsidies rest on false science. The real science, which is virtually never reported, is that the IRA subsidies of \$4.7 trillion (Cato’s estimate to 2050) aim to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions will have no climate benefit, for two separate and cumulative reasons:

First, the physics of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases shows that reducing them to net zero will have a negligible effect on temperatures and extreme weather. At present, there are no effective replacements for fossil fuels, and eliminating them will be disastrous for people worldwide. The scientific fact is that doubling carbon dioxide in the atmosphere would increase the world’s food supply by about 40 percent, with a trivial effect on Earth’s climate.

Second, the theory that GHG emissions are the primary driver of climate change is based on false science, such as consensus, theoretical models that do not work, fabricated and falsified data, agenda-driven peer review and government opinions. None of this is real science. (See our June 7, 2025 paper for details, *Physics Demonstrates That Increasing Greenhouse Gases Cannot Cause Dangerous Warming, Extreme Weather or Any Harm.*)

In summary, IRA subsidies will waste trillions of dollars for no climate benefit, reducing carbon dioxide emissions will reduce the amount of food worldwide, eliminating fossil fuels will be disastrous for people worldwide, and the trillions of dollars would be better spent improving Americans’ standard of living.

Accordingly, all the IRA climate subsidies should be repealed ASAP. ■

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