

**Opinion from  
America's Outback**

**THE BIGGEST HOAX**

Without a doubt, “The Great Grift,” John Hoak’s article on climate change in Spring 2024, is the most well-written commentary I have ever read on the subject. It truly and accurately points out that although the Left continues to sell climate change as “global warming” largely caused by humans, it is actually the biggest hoax ever recorded by mankind. Thanks for publishing this wonderful piece of journalism.

BOB EDWARDS, BOISE, IDAHO  
*See Point/Counterpoint on page 72.—Ed.*

As a former resident of Wyoming, and current resident of the Socialist Republic of Bozeman, I wanted to tell you how refreshing it was to read John Hoak’s story “The Great Grift” in my recent issue of *RANGE*. Here in

Bozeman, I feel like I am drowning in the lies and deceit of the “climate change” con job. I pray the tides of truth and integrity wash upon our shores—and I’m certain this will only happen with courageous writers and fact-driven content creators like you. Keep it up! Hold the line. For God & Liberty.

JAMES COCCO, BOZEMAN, MONTANA

Love all the articles. You truly are the country I fought for in Vietnam.

JIM JIRAVA, OGEMA, MINNESOTA

**LAND OF THE MAPLE LEAF**

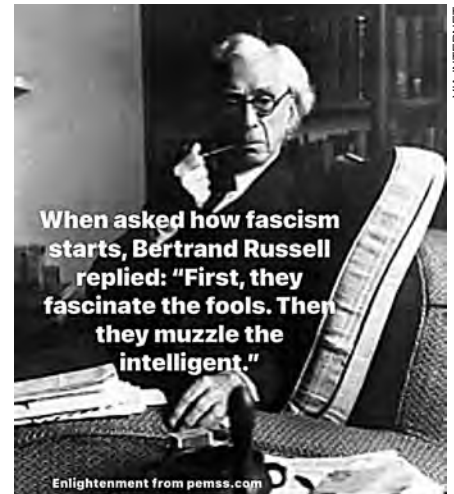
Went to the Red Bluff Bull and Gelding Sale and also Klamath Falls Bull Sale, Ranch Rodeo and Stock Dog Trials, etc. Have worked with cattle and horses most of my life. Also two wonderful dogs, a border collie and a Catahoula-cross. Penned cattle at four auction yards in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Now I am down to a half-section with a few horses—no cattle or dog. My last stand!

Our Canadian ranchers and farmers are plagued with the same government and political B.S. as our U.S. neighbors. Anyhow, at a friend’s house in Red Bluff I looked at your magazine—loved the pictures and articles and really enjoyed the ones written by Lee Pitts. So here is my subscription for a year. Am really looking forward to getting it!

DEANNA REESOR, HANNA, ALBERTA, CANADA

Thanks for keeping *RANGE* in print. I don’t have electric power, not to mention Internet!

ANI PERKINS, CALIENTE, NEVADA



Thank you for *RANGE* and its informative, patriotic and historical significance.

EARLE E. (DOC) VAN GILDER  
MESA, ARIZONA

**MAGA MAGA**

Unlike many of those who don’t buy the MAGA party line, I sign everything I write. Notice that any bad letter about *RANGE* comes only from “anonymous.” During 2023 I wrote two letters, on February 14 and August 29. Both were short but not printed. I understand why you want only anonymous letters that don’t go along with MAGA. It makes your readers think the writers are cowards. But then it is called *RANGE* “MAGazine.”

I was a public school janitor for 25 years, served on the Board of Education for 13 years; 38 years as a mandated reporter of any child abuse that I might know about. In your “Up Front” (Spring 2024) you state, “*RANGE* will continue to fight...so that we can save the country from socialists, Marxists, RINOs, pedophiles.” If you can be so kind as to report the pedophiles that you are aware of, and C.J., while you’re at it, please name the people who are telling you to eat bugs and explain why you would listen to them.

DAVID PORTER MISSO, TULELAKE, CALIFORNIA  
*Read RANGE and you’ll know.—Ed.*

*RANGE* magazine is the cat’s whiskers.

JOE & CONNIE URICK, FORSYTH, MONTANA

**I STAND WITH TEXAS**

I simply love *RANGE* magazine, from [the] political to cattle to raising sheep to the environmentalist. Keep up the good work you’re doing letting the people know what is going on in the country today. I truly believe this

**SO MUCH FOR KINDNESS FOR MOTHER EARTH**

VIA MARJORIE HAUN, AI AND BING



Despite the inherent inefficiency, ridiculous expense, unsightliness and short life span (15 years) of photovoltaic solar panels, a new Biden Administration policy would impose them on 22 million acres of federally controlled rangeland now used by ranchers for grazing, as well as other natural resource development. Unveiled in January, the plan is to roll out in Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada and Utah, eventually impacting all western states. Solar “farms” are known to damage plants, wildlife and the soil itself, which bodes ill for the open and beautiful spaces of the American West.

MARJORIE HAUN, LA SAL, UTAH

administration is a communist administration working on destroying our rights to a free America. I stand with Texas.

LARRY WELCH  
TAYLORSVILLE, KENTUCKY

## INTRIGUED

My granddaughter Lila Jensen, age two, spotted the horse on the cover of your Spring



PHOTO © SHEREE JENSEN

2024 edition. She had to see what other critter pictures were inside and pointed out all the cows, horses, and sheep. We love *RANGE*.

SHEREE JENSEN, FALLON, NEVADA

The World Health Organization claims, "Across Europe measles cases rose more than 40-fold in 2023 compared with a year earlier—to more than 40,000 from less than 1,000." Think it has to do with illegals invading without any type of health check?

DONNA ANDRESS, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA  
*Maybe the WHO was counting measles as COVID deaths. It is desperate to control us with even more "vaccinations."*—Ed.

Why is it [that] here on the West Coast the vibration is scolding, not gratitude? No other humans I hear but those so dissatisfied.

GREG CRAWFORD  
FORT BRAGG, CALIFORNIA

A little extra for the cause. Hang loose, rattle loud. P.S.: I like global warming because it melts snowflakes.

DAVE JOHNSON, FAIR OAKS, CALIFORNIA

I've worked on the same oldest-family-in-Idaho ranch for just over 40 years, so I've seen a lot of what ranchers must do just to stay in business. It is very frustrating, to say the least.

Anyway, thanks for all your hard work. Here's my renewal for three years at full price plus an extra \$45. Thank you.

PAUL MAGART, MURPHY, IDAHO

## A TASTY MOUNTAIN MAN

Please keep the print edition of *RANGE*! Some of us don't do the electronic stuff. Paper in hand is the best way, in my humble opinion. I really liked the article "The Food Chain" by Dexter K. Oliver in your Winter issue. The bunny huggers out there all need to read it. Most seem to think bears and cougars, etc., are just little (or big) cuddly critters that never attack humans or eat them. Most behave themselves, but there are always the few that think we may taste pretty good.

When I'm hiking in the woods, I carry both a hand cannon (.44 mag) and a can of bear spray. So far I've never had to use either one. I've encountered both bears and cougars at 30 feet but, luckily, they weren't hungry for a tough old "mountain man."

ROGER HARDAGE, AZALEA, OREGON

I admire what you keep doing! Nobody has ever told our story so well. I always look forward to the information and smiles which come with every issue of *RANGE*.

JOE ETCHART (RANCHER)  
GLASGOW, MONTANA

## LIVE & LET LIVE!

One of the reasons I came here—like you, Caroline Joy—voluntarily as an immigrant was because I knew that one could live in certain communities of this country without residing in, or in any way committing themselves or expressing loyalty to the entire country. You know where I have lived—deep rural Wyoming and the remote California coastline, two places as distant from the America you love and worship as anywhere in the country.

I have never cared much for nationalism and always believed that patriotism, anywhere in the world, was too often "the refuge of scoundrels." So the idea that I had to love or even respect the nation where I chose to settle and raise a family seemed like an excessive requirement for being regarded as a good person...in short, preposterous. I came here for the freedom this new nation offered and expressed in my favorite American revolutionary slogan: "Live and let live!"

I do love most of what you've done with *RANGE* and I respect your decision to adopt

and embrace America as your "home and promised land." That just doesn't work for me. And it wouldn't anywhere in the world. If we're going to continue communicating, and I hope we do, it will be because we respect one another's widely differing views. How un-American is that?

MARK DOWIE, POINT REYES STATION, CALIF.  
*You are not alone. I am sure many more readers would be relieved if I stopped hugging the Constitution and waving Old Glory.*—Ed.

Thank you all for speaking the truth, for keeping us apprised of political changes and for your wonderful stories of real ranchers across the country. Please keep it in print!

KATHLEEN PHILLIPS-HELLMAN, VIA FACEBOOK

## LOOTERS & BUILDERS

New York Attorney General Letitia James couldn't build a tree house if it came preassembled. But with the help of that state's corrupt court system, she's trying to confiscate Trump Towers and the former president's other properties. She ran for office on an I'll-get-Trump platform. The rest fell into place naturally: a crime without victims. In the words of Lavrentiy Berria, head of Stalin's secret police, "Show me the man and I'll show you the crime." There are builders and there are looters.

Among the latter is Letitia Hunsacker.

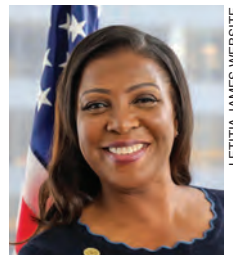
DON FEDER  
FRAMINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

[Only] 30 days to post nearly half a billion dollars, with no assistance allowed by NY money center banks and before any appeal of this absurd ruling! Even Ayn Rand would not have been able to envision this, although "Atlas Shrugged" looks more and more prophetic. One wonders what keeps Donald Trump going. He certainly is not materially benefiting from his political career.

STEPHEN ZIERAK, VIA EMAIL

I don't know where I found this comment, but I thought you would enjoy the irony:

*"The Food Stamp Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is proud to be distributing this year—2013—the greatest amount of Free Meals and Food Stamps ever to 46 million people. Meanwhile, the National Park Service, administered by the U.S. Depart-*



LETITIA JAMES WEBSITE

ment of Interior, asks visitors to 'Please Do Not Feed the Animals.'"

Their reason for this policy is that animals will grow dependent on handouts and not learn to take care of themselves. For Freedom!

MICHAEL GREENSTREET, VIA EMAIL

Haun the Hun is a champion. I got the point of her "D.O.U.P." article immediately, "showing how out of control, corrupt and godless our 'leaders' are." People who think Marjorie is or would ever promote ostentatiously bizarre, antisocial behavioral aberrations don't know her and/or have not read the article and/or are not comprehending.

JOHN H. HOAK, BIG PINE, WYOMING

"The Long Trail Home" held me motionless as I observed the photos of baby cowgirls and cowboys. What great pictures. Extraordinary definitely describes the Real Buckaroo Calendar. The excellent photographs find me studying the pictures to unfold brands on the cattle and horses, saddles, rope sizes, lengths and makes, piggin' strings, chaps, spurs, cinches, breast collars, bridles, bits, just to name a few. Oh, sometimes I find myself counting the cattle. It's just something I do, even in pictures. And I always look forward to Marjorie Haun's articles.

KED SOMERVILLE, MONTICELLO, UTAH  
See page 87 for info on "The Long Trail Home" and check Marjorie Haun's story in Fall 2019 about Ked via rangedex.com.—Ed.



## RAGE & TRASH

White rural rage is the deadliest threat to democracy that democracy has ever been threatened by. Every day rage-filled rural whiteys are lying in wait to destroy our way of life as we know it. Not good!

BERT JEFFRIES, SALMON, IDAHO

I will not have this trash [LGBTG] in my RANGE magazine.

"A LONGTIME LOYAL SUBSCRIBER"  
Sorry to offend. "D.O.U.P." by Marjorie Haun in Spring 2024 is an important story that shows how off-track President Biden's Department of Interior is.—Ed.



I am an old dairy and crop farm kid growing up outside of Meridian, Idaho, back when it was a nice area...nothing like the horrible place it is today sad to say. I have enjoyed your magazine for many years and I can relate to much of the content. I also have a big interest in science and understanding how things work. Your articles on climate change are informative and thought provoking. One of my favorite shows is on the Science Channel, "How the Universe Works," narrated by Mike Rowe. The season 7, episode 9 "Earth's Death Orbit," is extremely informative on how the earth is affected by all the forces and movements of itself, the sun, moon, planets and galaxy, directly affecting our climate. I have to ask why this information is never included in the mainstream climate-change/global-warming discussion?

DARRELL GAMBLE, HAYDEN, IDAHO

I agree with "More, and Often" [by Darrell Holden, Spring 2024]. Years ago, my father Ike and I were installing a 1,000-pound final drive case on the D9G Caterpillar and had just painted the Cat red sealer on the case and mainframe and had to get it together before the sealer dried out. Naturally the salamander (orchard heater, smudge pot, etc.) ran out of fuel and filled the Visqueen tent full of white smoke. We were wading around in the stinking mud, rain and snow, so I pulled the salamander away to keep from smoking us out, plus the darn white smoke could blow up. I was cussing terrible and Ike (who hardly ever did that) said, "Kenny, at least we aren't 8,000 miles from home with the Japs shooting at us." Obviously, I felt like a fool and shut up and we got the case on and called it a day. So when things go south, I remember that and it helps me back to real-

ity. I really needed it when we got burned out in the Slater fire in 2020 and we're still hanging on thanks to family and friends.

KENNY McCULLEY, HAPPY CAMP, CALIF.

Every time I get your magazine I want to do more to help!

CAROL SWINDALL, SHELTON, WASHINGTON

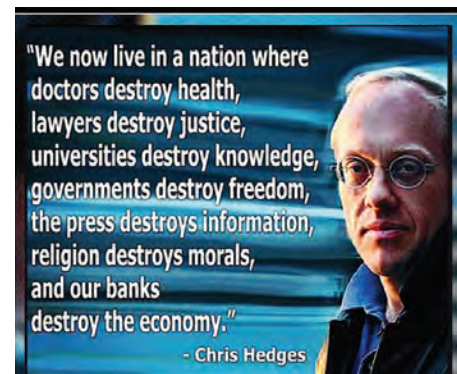
## NATIONAL WITHERING

Your [Spring 2024] bold editorial, "Cuddling the sweet spots," so accurately represents my heart. I must tell you how encouraging you and RANGE are, a veritable lamp on a hill. I feel quite helpless—sometimes hopeless—as I watch this once-great nation, in which we truly were free, wither at an ever-increasing rate. We may not win but my oath to defend her never expires and it's good for my heart to know I'm not alone on these front lines.

RIK GOODELL, WHITEFISH, MONTANA

I got misled toward socialism and the left just out of college, but my family didn't disown me. We had an apple orchard in Vermont and I had a good conservative background! I love to read and thankfully know there are two sides to every question.

HEIDI BECK, PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA



Wild roses in wild places.  
Sure they've got thorns,  
but my, such lovely faces  
And the aroma more fragrant  
than store-bought traces.

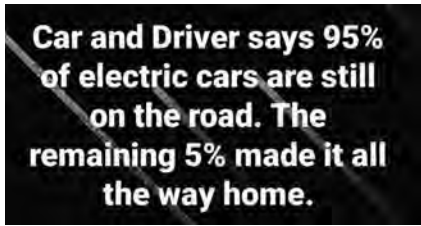
ELWYN MOORE, KEARNEY, NEBRASKA

Thank you for your inspiring fusilade and the Noodnicks and pantywaists directing our country to oblivion. You are a person amongst persons and, most of all, a lady amongst ladies. That Basco sheepherder of yours is one lucky SOB. Each of you is always welcome at my campfire.

GORDY HOOPER  
TAHOE CITY, CALIFORNIA

## BECOMING A GENERIC

I always wondered why a car magazine would make a woman the managing editor.



VIA INTERNET

However, after reading your “resume” in the Spring issue, I think you were actually over-qualified for that job.

JERRY GABROVIC, BRASHEAR, TEXAS  
*Thanks! I still communicate with two of my former editors. One moved to Sports Illustrated and asked me to write a few pieces for it, which wasn't keen on women writers, hence the generic "CJ." I will use Caroline Joy soon!—Ed.*

Twelve hours ago I put a post on my Facebook page of 1,310 friends regarding RANGE magazine and how it speaks of current agriculture, the future of agriculture, and where the publication sits on political issues. Not one person saw the post. That never happens with anything I post. Facebook - - - - .

JOHN TOLL, VIA EMAIL  
*RANGE has been blocked by Zuckbucks a few times and we are equally popular with a few bureaucrats.—Ed.*

## FORGIVENESS

CJ, I have been a subscriber since you first started, have most all first issues. I know you're a Democrat, but I have to forgive you for that; America needs more Democrats like you. I wish I could buy everyone in this country a subscription. No other publication I've seen gives a better depiction of rural and ranch life than RANGE. Our lifestyle may be fading from public consciousness but we are still here and remain a vital part of America.

Thank you and saddle up, tighten yore cinch!

BILL MEADOR, VIA FACEBOOK

Thanks for your bravery, tenacity, and courage over the years to keep your magazine in circulation. I have spent 30 years in *all* facets of the meat industry, retired Army soldier and former rangeland hard-riding cowboy. Take care.

WARREN R. HALL, ELLENSBURG, WASH.

When I read “Leveling the Field” in the Winter issue I felt thankful my Wyoming

sheep-rancher dad Chet Mercer did not have to deal with the over-the-top craziness happening now. I worry for the industry. The only place I can buy American lamb is at our local Ralphs Market. It offers shrink-wrapped U.S. lamb but all the other over-the-counter lamb is from New Zealand or Australia.

SAM BROWN, ORANGE, CALIFORNIA  
*Chet was the greatest supporter RANGE ever had. He was a gem and is sorely missed.—Ed.*

## NO FOOD INSANITY

Your background allows you to truly understand what is happening with the farmer protests in Europe. Our brothers and sisters are fighting a war that will erupt here soon if



## TEXAS AGREES TO TWO-STATE SOLUTION

AUSTIN, TX—In what has been talked about as a “last-ditch attempt” to avoid all-out war, Texas has announced it has agreed to a two-state solution with the city of Austin. Officials hope this distinction will help calm decades of growing hostilities in the region. The solution will divide the region into two states, Texas and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Austin.

“This is the only way for us to live in peace,” says Texas Gov. Greg Abbott. “The citizens of Austin have been at war with the people of Texas for many years now, and to end the bloodshed for future generations, we are willing to recognize Austin as its own separate and sovereign land.”

“The weirdo hipsters of Austin can stand down now,” says Texas Sen. Ted Cruz in a statement acknowledging the resolution. “The people of Austin can now stop patrolling the perimeter of the city in armored tanks and go back to driving electric vehicles, painting strange murals nobody understands, and hating everything the United States stands for.”

At publishing time, rumors persisted that radical Austin insurgents were hard at work constructing an intricate network of underground tunnels and stockpiling weapons and ammunition in schools and hospitals.

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*For the confused, this is from a satirical website.—Ed.*



VIA INTERNET

ranchers and farmers continue to be ignored by the political class. The protests have occurred because there are empty shelves in grocery stores in France and other areas of the European Union. I'm afraid that it will be coming here and protests could get ugly very fast as we have witnessed how politicians think of protesters after the beatings and incarceration of so many January 6ers. Please include a feature in RANGE about the valiant protesters who are battling against this takeover.

CYNTHIA ANDERSON, CLATSKANIE, OREGON  
*That story is scheduled for Fall 2024.—Ed.*

Getting RANGE is like Christmas or having four birthdays a year.

KEITH HOUSE, COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON

