



Opinion from America's Outback

RIDING ROUGHSHOD

Thanks for riding roughshod over trails the mainstream media wouldn't touch, even if you led them on a bulletproof dude horse.

BELINDA DAUGHERTY, TEN SLEEP, WYOMING

Thanks for copies of the Summer issue and the apology (for saying I was dead in a caption in "MC Buckaroos" by Lee Juillerat). If you never make a mistake you don't get much done. I could have called Lee out on it but he outsmarted me. He has an unlisted number or no landline.

DICK READ, HINES, OREGON

My fault, not Lee's. Glad you are alive!—Ed.

ENLIGHTENMENT

My passion for *RANGE* is different than most of your readers as I don't own a ranch or ride a horse, but what we do have in common is love for America! You have helped me swim in the sea of liberalism only to find an island of conservative values as published in your magazine. *RANGE* is similar to a life jacket that keeps you afloat in the secular sea! Learning about water rights, fish and wildlife, feral horses, and how our bureaucratic govern-

WORST YEARS OF MY LIFE

For the past 10 years, I was involved in conservation work to help desert bighorn sheep, and my connections with government agencies were the worst years of my life. They get their marching orders from the Department of Interior and their agenda to rewild America is at the expense of human civil liberties. Their system was strengthened greatly by arming DOI with the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and the ESA. You can see the real effects to Cliven Bundy because of the desert tortoise. It is no different in Southern California. The leftist-driven agencies are a threat to our country and with the direction we are headed, there *will be* a real serious confrontation for sure. There is a serious division on how rural America views the world and how urban dwellers view the world. Consider how divided we are as a nation. Potentially, each Supreme Court case could be decided by one individual for 320 million Americans to follow. I enjoy reading your magazine. It is like a friend. (P.S. Dr. Coffman has it right!)

DUNCAN HARKLEROAD, ANZA, CALIFORNIA

Check "Patterns of Harassment," starting on page 37.—Ed.

ment has turned rangeland into wasteland by making uninformed decisions are but a few of the enlightenments encountered. Our freedoms are in jeopardy and *RANGE* is a bastion of hope and information for people so they can fight for their land and the Second Amendment.

BOB KESSLER, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Please cancel. This was a gift but not my cup of tea! I'm more *Good Housekeeping* and *Taste of Home*.

ELLEN GREGG, MADRAS, OREGON

If *RANGE* were read in schools instead of some of the trash that is being taught, our country would be in much better shape than in the disaster that it is at the present time.

ROSEMARIE NEUMAN, STEVENSVILLE, MONT.



Check this picture out from the Internet and look carefully. It fooled me...because I saw what I wanted to see!

LYLE MCNEAL, LOGAN, UTAH

God bless America, *RANGE*, fossil fuel, my horse, diesel tractor, pickup, and all vets!

FRED INMAN, CONCORDIA, MISSOURI

I like your magazine, but what caught my eye in Summer 2014 was "Portrait of the East" by James Taylor. I don't think he realizes the extent of the water depletion of the High Plains and Ogallala Aquifer.

(www.kgs.ku.edu/Publications/pic18/)

The cost/price of crops grown will surely become very expensive. He wrote "Thank goodness for global warming" and doesn't realize a good portion of the U.S. will be lost on both coasts with rising ocean levels.

KEN BERGER, BEECHER, ILLINOIS

As our planet modestly warms, precipitation (especially during drought seasons) is increasing, resulting in nearly every station in the Global Soil Moisture Data Bank reporting increasing soil moisture during recent decades. More soil moisture facilitates aquifer replenishment, whereas drier soil facilitates aquifer depletion. To the extent that many aquifers are depleting, this is due to ever-increasing water usage rather than global warming.—James Taylor

TO BREED OR NOT TO BREED

In your recent "Portrait of the East" about me [a vegan advocate] you printed: "When asked what she would do with the billions of food animals in the United States if we all became vegan, [Hartglass] said, 'Don't let them get pregnant.'" My actual words were: "Animals have a limited lifetime and you just won't be breeding any new ones." Current breeding methods to collect semen from bulls and artificially inseminate cows, in my view, is both obscene and cruel. This is not the same as nonhuman animals procreating naturally on their own. We would not have 70 billion non-human animals worldwide, many crammed in factories and feedlots, if human animals weren't breeding these nonhuman animals.

CARYN HARTGLASS, FOREST HILLS, NEW YORK

NEEDING OXYGEN

Every time I get *RANGE* it wrecks my whole day. I take time out from my work to read it from cover to cover. In "The United EPA of America" by Dr. Michael S. Coffman [Summer 2014], the concept of pumping CO₂ underground worries me. For every carbon that is buried there are two oxygens buried and I need oxygen to run my body.

BILL PHILLIPS, SUSANVILLE, CALIFORNIA

Can't wait to see what you are going to have about Cliven Bundy. So why haven't the "feds" used the "lien law"?

MARVIN REED, RENO, NEVADA

See Special Report, starting on page 37.—Ed.

Sandy and I just bought a place in Mesquite, Nev., and were here for the whole

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Bundy/BLM deal. Unbelievable! Yesterday we drove by Bundy's ranch and there are still people camped in tents, trailers and pickups. American flags were all over. Reminded me of when the hippies moved to Boulder because California was going to fall into the ocean!

BYRON EVENSON, BOULDER, COLORADO

Must be a damn frightening thing to be so near the jackbooted feds now invading Nevada. Starting to feel like a twisted version of the movie "Red Dawn." Sad that the local sheriff has not taken this in hand and calmed the whole situation down (while booting out the thugs). Feds "own" most of Nevada and that is the main problem. Don't know all the facts but this is looking dangerously like other bungled federal atrocities. So prayers to you, Nevada ranch/farm folks, and all of us if this escalates more.

STEVE BAYRD, MORONGO VALLEY, CALIF.

Guess the moral of "A Nation of Horse Hoarders" by Rachel Dahl in Spring 2014 is the old adage, "Trust your neighbor, but brand your livestock."

T. MAHONEY, SANPETE COUNTY, UTAH

I read *RANGE* from front to back upon its arrival. Nice to know there are still some commonsense folks out there. I especially have enjoyed your articles on sage grouse and agree with most of what is being presented by your authors. I was involved with sage grouse inventory work here in central Oregon for 20 years working as a biologist for the BLM. Unfortunately, most government biologists want to blame cows and are not willing to look at other possibilities.

GARY WING, REDMOND, OREGON

NEED SAME PROTECTION

If wild horses are to be protected because they are now considered endemic to the U.S. but, in reality, are an introduced species to the Americas, should not cattle and other livestock that were introduced during that same era be given the same protected status?

On another note: In the beginning our forefathers, hoping to protect the future of America, created such documents as our Constitution, our Declaration of Independence, and our Bill of Rights. Now, 200 years later, there are those who believe that to preserve our country they must now destroy our Constitution, freedom of religion, etc., in the name of zealous "political correctness" that has become a blight on our society.

HUGO VON PATEN LUDER
HOLUALOA, HAWAII



Found this framed certificate in an antiques barn. We live in the Antelope Valley in Southern California. Just a little reminder of what life used to be like.

JIM LOUSIGNONT, ROSAMOND, CALIFORNIA

FASCIST?

You are very strong in your right-wing (fascist) views.

AUDREY HADLEY, TERRIGAL, AUSTRALIA

I have to read *RANGE* carefully as my blood pressure and patience go to pieces. I cannot believe the ignorance and the arrogance of our government and the environmental entities. I get frustrated with the outright stupidity of those who are supposed to work for us. I am not a farmer or rancher, just an old cowboy wannabe with a few nice horses and a few acres. Thanks for speaking out on behalf of the hard-working, honest people of the West.

EARL HUFF, PINGREE, IDAHO

Love it—read—get so angry about uninformed people who know it all—throw it against the wall—settle down—read some more through-out the magazine.

BOB DAVIS, PAISLEY, OREGON

ARE YOU JUST CLUELESS?

Hey wake up! Do you live in a bubble? Are you just talking among yourselves and subscribers? None of the rest of America has a clue of the government's agenda. Have you contacted Glenn Beck? Why the hell not? Are you idiots or just clueless? For God's sake, saddle up or become history!

JOHN DOE, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
Half of RANGE's 170,000 readers are urban/suburban. Beck, Hannity, Limbaugh, O'Reilly, Stossel, and many more get subs to RANGE. John Doe, why not sponsor more?—Ed.

Enjoy the magazine so much, especially Summer 2014. (1) Cover: Wish I knew what was so funny—my imagination just went on and on; (2) Contents page: One cowboy, two horses, just great; (3) Letters photo: Dog tied up—only ranchers would find this and know.

NANCY MORRIS, COALINGA, CALIFORNIA

What you are doing matters.

CYNTHIA BALDAUF, PITTSBORO, INDIANA

TOO MUCH CREDIT

Thanks for giving me credit for more than one best-selling novel in the bio for my piece, "Icons of American Memory," in Summer 2014. But, unfortunately, only one of my novels has been a *New York Times* best seller: "The Wild Blue: The Novel of the U.S. Air Force," co-authored with Walter J. Boyne. We were both in the Air Force and just as we service members don't like people who wear decorations they haven't been awarded, we authors are sensitive to being awarded best-seller status for books that didn't achieve it.

STEVE THOMPSON, LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA

I was counting the best sellers you had in Asia.—Ed.

I worked for a contractor to the EPA for a year trying to justify the unjustifiable. I worked on a document explaining how an in-house computer program was better than commercially available ones. It wasn't—and not readily available to folks outside the program (i.e., peer reviewers). Others were working on the document a year before I got to it. The document got to the stage where it needed only one more perusal for typos, etc., and the new EPA liaison said he didn't even want to see it. End of story. I could have solved the whole problem with an hour's time—if they really wanted what was best for the scientists and taxpayers. I worked with the DoD, DEA, DOE, USGS, etc., and EPA was the most worthless of all. DoD and DEA customers were the best. They came to us with a problem to solve. The rest came with your money to spend.

PAUL ETZLER, EUREKA, NEVADA

The best magazine ever! Telling it like it is!

GAIL & TERRY SARGENT, MONTROSE, COLO.

I love *RANGE*. I think it is ironic that a British girl is fighting so valiantly for our liberty.

MARTY BUSH, BOULDER CITY, NEVADA

65 YEARS AGO

A little old lady from Wisconsin had worked in and around her family dairy farms since she was old enough to walk, with hours of hard work and little compensation. When canned Carnation Milk became available in grocery stores in the 1940s, she read an advertisement offering \$5,000 for the best slogan. The producers wanted a rhyme beginning "Carnation Milk is best of all." She thought to herself, I know everything there is to know about milk and dairy farms. I can do this! She sent in her entry, and several weeks later a black car pulled up in front of her house. A large man got out, knocked on

her door and said: "Ma'am...the president of Carnation Milk absolutely *loved* your entry. So much, in fact, that we are here to award you



\$1,000 even though we will not be able to use it for our advertisements! He did, however, have one printed up to hang on his office wall."

OLD HOAX VIA THE INTERNET

The recent publication of "The Real Wolf" has fostered the founding of a new organization called Wolf Education International (WEI). The group is being coordinated in North America by Will Graves, co-author of the book, and in Europe and Scandinavia by Lynda Brook of France. Graves is well-known to readers of *RANGE*. Brooks is leading the effort in Europe and Scandinavia to remove wolves from European Union control and to allow each country to manage its own wolves. Other wolf authorities helping to launch WEI include Val Geist, Jim Beers, Steve Alder and Tom Remington. The purpose of the organization is to inform the public of the impact of wolves on people, game animals, livestock, and domestic pets. Dedicated to countering the misinformation coming from wolf advocates and so-called environmental groups, WEI will disseminate only factual and verified information. [See page 15.]

EARL STAHL, NEENAH, WISCONSIN

P.S. For more information, go to the website www.wolfeducationinternational.com.

"Call in the Maggots" by Janet H. Thompson [Summer 2014] should be required reading for everyone. So pleased to see this article told the truth about this corrupt outfit. Look forward to more of her excellent writing. She did not pull any punches regarding this phony organization.

DUSTY HILL, M.D., GREYBULL, WYOMING

TEA PARTY, YEAH OR NAY

It was coincidence that I picked up your Spring magazine on April first. The cover was visually appealing and the subject matter interested me, but I realized the joke when I opened it and started reading. I knew it was April Fool's Day

or Rush Limbaugh in a cowboy hat as the articles ranged the litany of the Tea Party platform. Conservationists, vegetarians, environmentalists, do-gooders, NPR, the United Nations, socialists, city folks...all the "bad" guys got called out. "Private" property rights always gets me chuckling and I laughed out loud at the thought of a spandex-clad cyclist running into a suddenly opened front door at the astonishingly fast speed of 30 miles per hour.

I loved the layout and the photos in the magazine. The artwork and design are top-notch. But I would like to see a disclaimer of some sort. While I am sophisticated enough to understand satire, I know a lot of people aren't. I really don't like it when people confuse the "Cowboy Spirit" with the "Tea Party Spirit."

MIKE GRAY, CASCABEL, ARIZONA

GET LIVESTOCK OFF!

The recent [Cliven Bundy] protests in Nevada have gained national support from many engaged in agriculture who have also been subjected to excessive controls from federal dictates. There's been an ongoing effort for 30 to 50 years to get livestock off BLM and Forest Service allotments, spearheaded by radical enviro/animal rights groups, with support by feds. Similar actions have impacted timber and other extractive industries that *RANGE* mentions frequently. Livestock leased grazing is subjected to nefarious methods...such as ongoing reduction of AUM numbers and outlandish ESAs...like the "newly threatened" sage hens. Most of the reasoning flies in the face of time-proven scientific data that is "reinvented" to serve their purposes.

Mr. Bundy has been subjected to all these...especially where his AUMs have constantly been reduced to a number where it's impossible to make it "pencil"! Couple that with the desert tortoise, etc., and it's the feds crackin' the whip! One main reason for Bundy's support is that many see him as a modern-day Boston Tea Party type...protesting excessively increasing Royal control over our lives, and relating to issues they would like to protest over!

RON RATCLIFFE, REDMOND, OREGON

GREAT BOOKS!

"Call of the Cow Country" is great! I can relate to Harry Webb when he talks about the pull in his heart Wyoming had on him, because I get that same feeling. One of these days I will move there.

SARAH WAGONER, RURAL RETREAT, VA.

Loved "Brushstrokes & Balladeers." Waddie Mitchell's piece was laugh-out-loud brilliant.

THOMAS MITCHELL, ELY, NEVADA

NEW WORLD

I recently found your magazine at Barnes &

Noble. I couldn't put it down and read it cover to cover. Being a political junkie, your magazine opens up a new world of how our government continues to destroy people's lives and livelihoods. Since reading about the Bundy Ranch in Nevada I became interested in knowing more about how others are fairing with the government onslaught. It's not pretty. I have to learn to read your magazine a little slower. If I read it too fast I won't have anything to read until the next issue. That is of course unless I read more Ayn Rand. Yes, Vess Quinlan, I read "Atlas Shrugged" and it was great.

I wish our western states would take the initiative to try and take back *their land* from the feds. Sadly, those who are supposed to be on our side are not. The EPA is out of control, and so is the BLM. New woodstove regulations? The lunacy is unbearable. Waiting for the next issue. Knowledge is power.

JOE GRISAFI, VIA EMAIL

Keep on kicking ass and taking names.

JIMMY T. LABAUME, VIA EMAIL

A CLASS APART

We have created a "class apart" in the United States. Staffers of congressmen and senators have their education loans "forgiven." The argument is to get the "best and brightest." If the best and the brightest actually want to serve, cut their pay in half and make them compete in life with everyone else. Pay back your loans! Or move the nation's capital to Kansas. If bureaucrats can find the Beltway, they can find Kansas. Maybe it will help them understand the rest of the country.

CHARLES SEABOLT, LYNCHBURG, VA.

I hope this photo of my husband, Phil Poland, and our new filly, Millie, will warm some hearts.



We still live by the old Code of the West out here. Apparently Millie prefers men with whiskers.

MARY POLAND, ROUND MOUNTAIN, NEV.

LET'S FIGHT TOGETHER

CJ, keep up the fight on your end and I will keep fighting as well.

CONGRESSMAN MORGAN GRIFFITH
ABINGDON, VIRGINIA