

## Opinion from America's Outback

### THE GATES OF HELL

Love your magazine. We run a few cows on the West Desert of Utah and are proud fifth-



generation ranchers. Long live the Sagebrush Rebellion. Keep giving the tree huggers and radical environmentalists hell. We will back you to the gates of hell if that's what it takes!

DARRELL & ANGIE HOLDEN  
VERNON, UTAH

First and foremost, I want to express my appreciation for the extraordinary work that you and the rest of the *RANGE* staff do to support the cause, spirits, and imaginations of American ranchers.

I have a suggestion for you to consider. As you surely know, truth tellers are increasingly being censored by the big media operatives and many are moving away from Fakespace

### HEROES

My favorite people, my heroes, are the women and men with callouses on their hands (and hearts)—though, again alas, my own once-powerful, leathery hands have grown soft—blisters on their feet and asses, and limbs bent from injury and/or real work over many years. These are the Doers—the ranchers, farmers, loggers, miners, oil field hands, horseshoers, mechanics, truck drivers, fishermen and other kin. I also have enormous respect and love for nurses, mothers, housewives, grandmothers who raise grandchildren, and women who must work outside of their homes while still managing their

and Twister towards a forum known as Parler. Like many others, my distrust/distaste for the mainstream media (even Fox News now) has grown so strong that I have resorted to following credible news sources with accounts on that social media platform. I think that much of your message would be well received in that liberty-heavy environment as well. In any case, please keep fighting the good fight!

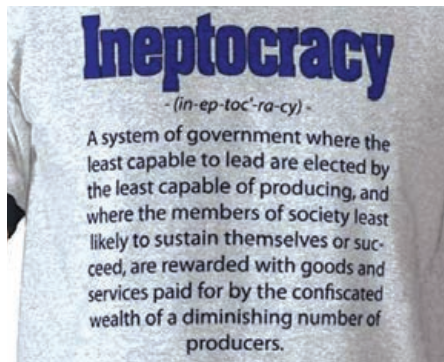
JUSTIN CRABILL, BAKER VALLEY, OREGON  
*Thanks! Go to Parler @rangemagazine.—Ed.*

### BRING IN THE LIGHT

I am constantly, positively impressed with the depth and detail that your writers bring to the printed page regarding western battles fought by true patriots against tyrannical federal bureaucracies. Kudos to all who labor to keep us informed, we who wander the other parts of the country in darkness to the truth.

JAMES H. PASS JR.  
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

Every once in a while somebody hits it right out of the park. Not yet found in the Oxford Dictionary but discovered to be a “coined” new word on this T-shirt sold on eBay. Read slowly, absorb the facts that are within this



homes (those who love their families first but are forced to help bring in the bacon). I have always believed that *no one* should ever occupy a comfortable office or tell anyone else what to do unless they've first at least had several years of boot camp under the tutelage of such real people. Paper pushing (such as I have now done for years) is, or can be, damned important, of course, but nothing is possible without the earnest, honest, skilled, conscientious, self-sacrificing hard work of the heroes. And many of these make dumb jokes and laugh in the face of withering adversity.

JOHN HOAK, BIG HORN, WYOMING

**John Kerry as climate czar? Only Democrats could pick a guy with 6 houses, 12 cars, 2 yachts and a private jet, to tell you that YOU should take the bus to stop pollution.**



### DO AS I SAY

This overprivileged, self-promoting, hypocrite gasbag is still rising. As Joe Biden's “climate czar” he will regulate the air we breathe, ration the energy we use and hector us endlessly about our extravagant lifestyle. But I would bet that this asymptomatic idiot will never top the folly of sending pallets of cash to the ayatollahs for no good reason at all.

NAMELESS, VIA EMAIL

definition! Finally, a brand-new English word that describes not only the present—but our future. It is also a recipe to implode a nation.

DAVID C. HOOPES, VIA EMAIL

### NOT LOOKING FOR WASTE

I received a letter from you notifying me that you have signed me up for a one-year complimentary subscription to *RANGE*. I would like you to remove me from the mailing list as I try to avoid printing on paper and otherwise prefer to view publications online.

LUCAS GRAF, DISTRICT RANGER  
DAKOTA PRAIRIE GRASSLAND  
WATFORD CITY, NORTH DAKOTA  
*Check rangedex.com.—Ed.*

As winter comes, interest in the wildfire situation of 2020 will diminish. We have all heard the slogan, “Graze it, log it or let it burn.”

While there is truth in this, it is becoming a smaller part of reality as the nation ages. A significant percentage of the millions of acres burned in 2020 can't be grazed or logged and have not had any type of management for years. Fragmentation of forest and rangeland continues today as rapidly as the law allows, resulting in homes built in high risk areas, surrounded by acres of range or forest allowed “to do its own thing”—which is “leave it alone”—allowing fuels to build to maximum levels awaiting the first spark. Last year was a warning that this approach doesn't work very well. When fragmentation reaches the point where grazing or logging is no

longer possible due to economic, regulatory or harassment reasons, these tools are lost. It's doubtful if anything was learned from the 2020 fire season.

EDWIN DEPAOLI, FORMER BLM AREA MANAGER, FALLON, NEVADA

## CHINA YES, AMERICA NO

Your nescent piece regarding Trump's handling of the pandemic must be condemned. [CJ's "Up Front," Winter 2021] You say it's tough to find a country that has done better than ours in handling the pandemic. You must be listening to Trump. Check the statistics. They are readily available at [ncov2019.live](http://ncov2019.live) and a few other sites. Deaths per million population: in U.S., 821; Germany, 196; Canada, 317; Japan, 17; Australia, 35. Many nations have done better than the United States.

MARY BISHOP, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

*The report you cite, by a high school boy in Washington state, also showed that China had only three deaths per million population. Do you believe that, too?—Ed.*

## RESPECT

This needs to be shown on NFL scoreboards before each game! A man went to the Great Lakes Military Cemetery in Holly, Mich.,



and took photos while reflecting on what's going on in our country. His mother, Julie Stebbins Hope, wrote this simple poem:

*I don't see any color here,  
The headstones look the same;  
No black no brown no white skin tone  
There's no one here to blame.  
These soldiers fought and died for you;  
Their color you can't see;  
Your rights are still protected;  
Here's the place to take a knee.*

FROM STEVE STRICKLAND, VIA EMAIL

## WHY WE LOVE THE WEST

I just finished reading Kathleen Bauermeister's commentary, "What the West Is About" [Winter 2021]. In a few well-chosen words, she very eloquently describes the West at its best, what it means to us and why we love it. We who live here already understand

this and see it on display every day. If only bureaucrats and others who live in large megalopolises could experience this way of life for a short time, perhaps it would help them understand the challenges, the hardships, the needs and wants of this special group of people—people who are intelligent, educated, well read, and experts in every aspect of their businesses, be it farming or ranching. These people, who through their love for and management of the land, livestock and crops, not only call the West home, but also by their diligence and hard work provide food and fiber for the U.S.A. and for numerous countries around the world. There is a way of life to be admired, to be thankful for, and to ensure that it never disappears.

ALLYSON SCHAFER  
FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

## SUCK IT UP

The fascist Donald Trump lost the election, time for him to appear in court for all the crimes he and his cabal committed against the people of the United States. Republicans need to suck it up and admit your Saint Donald is nothing but a fat cheating loser.

NAMELESS, VIETNAM VETERAN

After more than 25 years of subscribing to *RANGE*, I will miss it greatly! I can no longer subscribe to (as Mr. Trump puts it) a "fake news" magazine.

ERIC J. THOMPSON, LINCOLN, CALIFORNIA

Dave Skinner's "High Anxiety" [Winter 2021] about bears shows it to be more frightening to deal with the federal government than to face a grizzly.

PETER JELITO, LEANDER, TEXAS

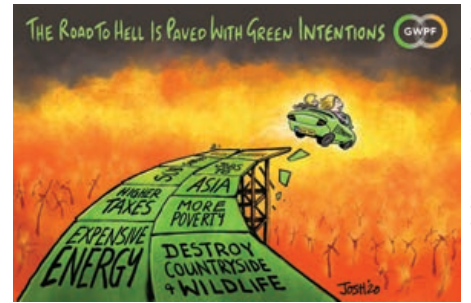
Regarding "High Anxiety," as native Californians (my family arrived late 1860s), my brother and I have long advocated the restoration of the grizzly bear to California. After all, it is the state animal and is on the state flag. We always thought Grizzly Peak just above the U.C. Berkeley campus would be the ideal place to start.

ROBERT READING (A CALIFORNIA REFUGEE)  
JOSEPH, OREGON

## CHEERS!

Thanks for the beautiful quarterly you produce! I read each copy cover to cover and am never disappointed. Such variety of topics that keep all of us informed on both sides of many issues.

ANDREW PETERSON, PASO ROBLES, CALIF.



GLOBAL WARMING POLICY FORUM

My introduction to Aldo Leopold ["Aldo & I West of the South China Sea" by Joel Nelson, Winter 2021] was as an undergrad wildlife management student and the book was "Game Management." Published in the late 1930s, he defines conservation similar to Webster's Dictionary—the wise use and management of a resource—then spends the rest of the book explaining how and why to practice wildlife conservation. Years later, I came across "A Sand County Almanac" and when I read that I found it still supporting conservation but with more philosophical arguments.

Joel, I truly hope someday you get to share that glass of bourbon with Aldo, but if you ever do, I'll bet yours and his views on wildlife management and conservation will not be substantially different. It's only those who make their living by generating natural-resource conflict who refuse to practice the wise use and management of a resource.

CRAIG FOSTER, LAKEVIEW, OREGON

Thank you for *RANGE*. Your Winter 2021 edition is splendid in every respect.

DENNIS BARK, SENIOR FELLOW EMERITUS,  
HOOVER INSTITUTION, STANFORD, CALIF.

I am a small-town Texas country boy and one of the flyover country silent majority who are now waking up to the fact that we are about to lose our democracy. I believe that what we have seen in voting turnout and the large postelection demonstrations are indicative of this. We strongly believe in the freedom and democracy our country was founded on and will fight to preserve it, with our lives if necessary.

DANA SAYLOR, WARSON WOODS, MISSOURI

A Quick History Lesson	
11 <sup>th</sup> Amendment Abolished Slavery 100% Republican 23% Democrat	15 <sup>th</sup> Amendment Right to vote for all men 100% Republican 0% Democrats
14 <sup>th</sup> Amendment gave Slaves Citizenship 94% Republican 0% Democrats	OBAMA CARE 0% Republicans 86% Democrats



## SOROS REVEALED

Thank you for a truly great Fall 2020 issue, especially “Up Front” and “The Perfect Storm,” the revealing article on George Soros by Michael S. Coffman, Ph.D., and Dave Skinner. Your assertiveness to both “conservativeness” and your declarative publishing about some of the “enemies” to this country like Soros is refreshingly brave and encouraging in the present liberal-like “mums-the-word” magazine-publishing climate.

R. CUMMINGS, YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

Check story at [www.rangemagazine.com](http://www.rangemagazine.com).—Ed.

George Soros should be banned from America for sedition. We have just finished reading Michael Coffman’s, “Rescuing a Broken America.” Every person who cares about his freedom and America should read this book.

BILL & NEDRA BOYD, CHILOQUIN, ORE.

VIA INTERNET



## HOOF & MOUTH

I really enjoy *RANGE* but the political nature of this magazine is just way over the top. I wish you would scrutinize it more and perhaps it would keep you from suffering from hoof-and-mouth disease.

TERRY BURNS, NAMPA, IDAHO

Isn’t Gavin Newsom supposed to be spelled without an “e” at the end? Your spelling in the last issue’s editorial was “Newsome.”

STEVE THOMPSON, LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA

Perhaps I subconsciously gave him a grade and missed the “F”?—Ed.

## DONWANNADODAT

We used to buy and sell cattle at Skinner Hardy’s sale yard in Bakersfield, Calif., back in the ’60s [Lee Pitts’ “The Cow Buyers Dance” in Winter 2021] and the favorite thing I remember about Skinner is when somebody wanted to cut one off or halve the bid and he wasn’t having it he would say, without skipping a beat, “Donwannadodat” and carry right on in his singsong auctioneering style.

DAVE SHAFER, MILTON FREEWATER, OREGON

I recently wrapped myself around a great

steak and was thinking how thankful I was for these folks who made it possible. Having to deal with some of the worst weather and restrictions, our rancher friends always come through!

DON JOHNS, SPRING CREEK, NEVADA

You are very special to me and thousands of ranchers who are only still in business due to the power of *RANGE*.

LEE W. PITTS, LOS OSOS, CALIFORNIA

Here is an extra \$100. Keep up the fight.

ANTHONY MILLER, KUNA, IDAHO

I find it interesting, ironic and a show of what hard work means when John Kennedy Jr. started *George* magazine with incredible backing and Oprah started *O Magazine* with equal or more backing and both are gone. In Oprah’s case she said, “I have said all I wanted to say.” *RANGE*, on the other hand, has survived for 30 years on a shoestring and is still operating that way. Don’t ever give up.

TERRY SULLIVAN, WASHOE VALLEY, NEVADA

It’s the best magazine. Tells it like it is!

LARRY SLAVING, NASH, OKLAHOMA

My daughter once acquired a high head SOB, Cow ear tag #43. I asked her to please get rid of that cow for me. “She has a calf that’s nice,” and on went the excuses. The years went by and at last as we were pairing up the calves in comes Cow #43. Hmmm, no calf at last. Best Father’s Day present for me. I believe high-headed Cow #43 has chased us up the fence for the last time...well maybe one more time as we load her in the trailer and head her to town. Really enjoy *RANGE*!

BOB & CINDY POMBO

BC POMBO RANCH, TRACY, CALIFORNIA

## BULLIES

I read Marjorie Haun’s “The Big Squeeze” in Winter 2021 with astonishment and dismay. I am reminded of the bullying tactics of the Gestapo and the Mafia in how to intimidate your adversaries when you cannot achieve your illegitimate goals. Where are the elected representatives, the attorney general, the BLM state director, the local media in bringing this obvious abuse of power by the Southern Nevada Water Authority to a halt? The story is particularly timely in that the proposed 300-mile pipeline to Las Vegas has been struck down twice by the District Court. Why would a government agency—the SNWA, dba Great Basin Ranch—continue to operate these ranches as a



AOC VIA INTERNET

money-losing enterprise? How can a Nevada private rancher compete with the Great Basin Ranch when all operating expenses (vehicles, hired help, equipment, taxes and insurance, etc.) are covered by the Nevada taxpayer? This entire obviously illegal operation cannot pass the “smell test.” SHAME on all the politicians, the state and federal agencies for allowing this charade to continue. My hat is off to Hank Vogler and the Gloeckner family for bringing this travesty to the attention of the public. Someone *must* step forward and stop this corruption from continuing!

BILL WILBER, HINES, OREGON

Keep balance. I love your magazine.

BARRY KORT, BELLEVILLE, KANSAS

## NOT ENOUGH

We appreciate everything you do for the West, ranching and the care of the land. There are not enough of you.

GRANT BROWN, TOWNER, NORTH DAKOTA

Love your magazine but don’t love the right-wing baloney.

JOHN SARMIENTO, PLACITAS, NEW MEXICO

Your magazine is great. A breath of fresh air, and for the Northeast a dose of reality.

JAMES FITZGERALD JR.

MILTON, MASSACHUSETTS

I am ordering a new gift subscription to replace the one the lady from Fort Collins, Colo., canceled in your Winter 2021 edition on page nine. She calls your publication a right-wing whacko. Why is it so many of registered Democrats, which she claims to be, always have to use the race card and anti-Semitism argument?

BOB CLOPTON, FULTON, CALIFORNIA

Thanks for defending “flyover country.”

JIM PETERSEN, DALTON GARDENS, IDAHO

We appreciate your efforts to maintain America’s founding spirit of self-reliance, accountability, and the rule-of-law. We also appreciate your proposed “early bird” price, but please

renew our subscription for two years at \$40.

MICHAEL & RAE GREENSTREET  
CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA

I just wanted to commend you on an absolutely beautiful job on your "Quinlan & Jones" book. What a wonderful tribute.

LISA QUINLAN, FLORENCE, COLORADO  
*See page 20.—Ed.*

I'm renewing for Bo Rath. He's got real cowboy skills (he just completed making his first saddle). He's a 21st century young man, newly married. I hope this \$20 makes it to you! I grew up in Chicago, so I was a product of the big cities in the '60s, '70s and '80s. Glad to be out here, even if the governor is personal friends with Bill Gates. Strange world, strange times! CJ, aren't you glad to be away from New York, DeBlasio and Emperor Cuomo?

AL MCFARLAND, STERLING, NORTH DAKOTA  
*The Big Apple used to be inspiring and splendid, but not now thanks to oblivious, deluded, power-hungry autocrats.—Ed.*

## TRUTH & LIGHT

Thanks for all you do for all of us who devour each issue and wait for the next! You keep me informed of things I'd never know and don't have the time or know-how to research. I read



cover to cover then I get extremely annoyed by the letter from that nitwit in Montana (must have come from Washington, Oregon or California). How idiotic. When are people going to see the truth and the light?

GENEVIEVE ROSS, WHITEHALL, MONTANA

Winter 2021 has an excellent piece by Dave Skinner on the griz problem. Actually it isn't a griz problem; folks could deal with that. The real problems are the idiots who are lobbying

## TIDBITS

Watch—in the blink of an eye CNN's "Magic Board" on election night subtracts 20,000 Trump votes and adds them to Biden's tally in Pennsylvania. [And the same thing was happening in other swing states.] Shortly afterwards, both NPR and BBC were reporting that "Silicon Valley is working as fast as it can to erase all disinformation occurring online regarding voter fraud." We hope the following link is still available so you can make up your own minds.  
<https://www.brighteon.com/0ad42991-54da-4de8-9dc0-9f1e17627ccf>



and manipulating our elected and appointed "prostitutes." Take either out of the equation and the solution would appear faster than a dead-mike switch at a Biden fund-raiser.

ALAN HART, TROUTDALE, VIRGINIA

RANGE is an awesome read. Keep up the great work to keep our western way of life safe from those who want to change it.

JON TREIBLY, SOUTH FORK, COLORADO

## END IS TOO SOON!

I have been a fan and loyal recipient of your magazine since the '90s. Always read CJ's comments first, then start on page one and read to the end. Darn it, the end always comes up way too soon.

TOM ROYER, VIA FACEBOOK

RANGE gives me hope that things can and will get better. My dad, bless his soul, always taught me to try and find the best in all situations. He was a vet and POW in World War II. So I just wanted to say thanks to you all for your very inspiring work. Enclosed is a few extra \$ for the winter. Spread the word.

DALE BRIGGS, WILLITS, CALIFORNIA

Just advising you, you should leave America and move to Texas.

GRAEME CAMPBELL  
KALGOORLIE, WEST AUSTRALIA