

Opinion from America's Outback

WHAT'S NEXT?

The cancel culture took out Dr. Seuss. What's coming next...*RANGE* mag, or just an ol' fashioned Nazi "burning of the books"?

RON SPIKE, VIA EMAIL

I believe *RANGE*'s value and universal import to be amazingly *huge!* The western "story" and personal, family-level resonant qualities in this magazine are seriously special. *RANGE* honestly serves an amazing, *vital* need in our nation and even the global economy beyond!

PAUL AHEARN, VACAVILLE, CALIFORNIA

RANGE is a constant in our lives, especially with the arugula/tofu group now in power.

DONNA JO ANDRESS, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

AGONY, FROM THE HEART

I've just reread Dave and Kate Daleys' story, "The Bear Fire" [in Winter 2020/2021] and it brought just as many tears to my eyes as the first read. I believe that story is the most meaningful one you've printed in a long time. This story should be mandatory reading with in-depth follow-up discussion in every educational facility that claims to teach environmental science and/or range management. It is very well written and is not a dry clinical tract, but comes from the Daleys' hearts. So often, articles about the environment can be one sided—pompous when coming from regulatory sources, inaccurate and uninformed coming from "environmentalists," and maybe even red-necked coming from range users.

"The Bear Fire" tells it like it is from a very human viewpoint. One's heart would have to be extremely calloused not to see that range and forest resource management needs a serious overhaul. Keep up your good work and I pray the Daleys and

Having spent about 70 of my 82 years working, and enjoying it, I've formed some pretty solid opinions of politicians and bureaucrats. Some of each work for us; the balance work for themselves. Perhaps the latter should be treated with the livestock pour-on used to get rid of ticks, fleas, and other parasites, as they represent the leech attached to the glutinous maximus of working citizens.

I always agree with grumpy old Hank Vogler, and living only a few miles from the 1995 release site of wolves into Idaho, am pleased to see all the truthful articles concerning wolves, politicians, and other predators unleashed upon the West.

LLOYD L. JONES, SPOTTED OWL LUMBER SALMON, IDAHO

SMALL JOYS & UPLIFTING BEAUTY

The Left rules now in the halls of federal and many state governments with little effective political opposition, and too many people obey and accept passively and thoughtlessly. Thus, madness proliferates. A very troublesome time in America...

We will survive and thrive! Among our important challenges of this time: (1) finding small ways to preserve and promote our values and help to reform the country; and (2) keeping our balance (i.e., not allowing ourselves to be overcome by darkness). There



Dave Daley and a tiny piece of the devastation. (Go to rangemagazine.com, click Winter 2021)

the many other range users similarly impacted may recover and prosper.

GRANT GRIFFIN, RETIRED RANGE MANAGER
CRANBROOK, B.C., CANADA



This is Charlee Porath, five years old, at the Tiny Tots Rodeo in Power County, Idaho.
WES HOUSTON, PAISLEY, OREGON

are so many great and small joys and uplifting beauties in this old world; we must take strength from these, and remain ever hopeful, resolute and joyous ourselves. We must celebrate and give thanks for our successes and many gifts, love our country and our families and friends, and smile! And we must, as Winston Churchill insisted during World War II, "NEVAH surrender!"

JOHN H. HOAK, BIG HORN, WYOMING

NO COMMIES!

I cannot contribute to a card-carrying member of the Democrat Communist Party. Knowing your background now, it is hard to comprehend how you could possibly be a member of the DCP and be able to publish the outstanding magazine, *RANGE*.

CHARLES M. VENTURA, VIA EMAIL

A rancher friend in Idaho noticed a man drinking from his stream and shouted: "What ya doin'? Ya don't wanta be drinking that. It goes through my corrals and is full of horse pee and cow shit."

The man said, "I'm from California and am thinking of moving to Idaho, and I didn't quite understand what you said."

The rancher replied, "If you use both hands, you won't spill any."

VIA BERT JEFFRIES, SALMON, IDAHO

Dear Julie Carter:

I am a senior fellow emeritus of the Hoover Institution who read your "Ghost Tale" in the Spring issue. I enjoyed it and thank you for it, but I know very little about horses so I have a question for you: What does the phrase "line-back dun" mean?

DENNIS BARK, STANFORD, CALIFORNIA

Dear Mr. Bark: What a delight to hear from you. A line-back dun refers to the color markings on a dun horse. Dun is a color similar to buck-

skin. The line-back refers to a darker color of hair that runs down the spine from mane to tail. Dun is a gene that dilutes the color of a horse and causes that marking, along with leg striping. As cowboys will do, there were and are often tales of line-back duns being more spirited, tougher and harder to handle. Not always completely true, but sometimes enough truth in the tale to make it a legend. I hope that answers your question. Sincerely, Julie Carter

Your realistic perspective and high regard for publishing the truth, even when unpopular or inconvenient, are a very refreshing change from the idiocy that passes for journalism in many “popular” venues these days. However, I would like to point out one detail: In Spring 2021, p. 63, there’s a picture of a young soldier captioned “1944: 18-year-olds stormed the beach at Normandy into almost certain death!” True statement, but the soldier pic-



ture appears to be Russian, likely fighting somewhere on the Eastern Front, far removed from Normandy, but equally hellish and tragic.

HARRY STRAWBRIDGE, MARIPOSA, CALIFORNIA
Wish I'd been smart enough to check that meme before publishing it. The soldier looked like Audie Murphy to me!—Ed.

WHITE PRIVILEGE FOR SALE

I'm selling my White Privilege Card. It's just over 69 years old, but is in mint condition. It has never been used, not even one time. Reason for selling is that it hasn't done a damn thing for me! No free college, no free food, no free housing, no free Internet, no looking the other way while I loot, no job or college for which I'm not qualified, no free anything. I actually had to go to work every day of my life while paying a boatload of taxes to carry those who chose not to work! If you are interested, I prefer cash but would be willing to do an even trade for a Race Card, which seems much more widely accepted and comes with countless benefits if you fit the profile!

Interested? Contact me on my non-Obama cell phone that I pay for every month.

FORWARDED BY LEE BRUNCKHORST
 BIG TIMBER, MONTANA, VIA EMAIL

You're right: Biden's not Winston Churchill, or Gladstone, Disraeli or Bagehot. He's just Joe—i.e., 100 percent better than the alternative, and so say seven million more Americans.

STEVE SMITH, WYOMING, NEW YORK



I really enjoyed the very positive article “Checking the Wild Side” by Larry Turner in the Spring issue. The integration of grazing, wildlife and other interests in natural resource management is extremely important and this article captures this very well.

NEIL RIMBEY, CALDWELL, IDAHO

NO GUARANTEES

Hank Vogler's “No Guarantees” in Spring 2021 says it all in one page. If I were still teaching civics and U.S. history it would be required for my class. It could be the source for a nine-week study. So many ideas and issues. The last quote is a winner: “If your goals are short term, plant rice. If your goals are of an intermediate term, plant trees. If they are long term, educate your children.”

SHARON LIVINGSTON, PENDLETON, OREGON

God did good when he created dogs. Why did he create “progressives”?

TED LYSTER, BEND, OREGON

As a resident of Colorado, I find that *RANGE* taps some of the keys that ring my bell. Especially “History's Lessons Unheeded” by Marjorie Haun [about reintroduction of wolves in Spring 2021 issue]. The only explanation I can come up with is this: as sure as history repeats itself, almost as sure is the amazing tendency of liberal “enlightened” society to ignore it.

I am an enthusiastic elk and deer hunter. Since I can remember, we have moaned and muttered at the influx of nonresident hunters crowding our public forests. I now want to apologize to you all because we are going to need your help from now on. If you are a hunter, these days you are also a conservationist. So help the state of Colorado out and take your duties as a conservationist to heart.

M. TROYER, SAN LUIS VALLEY, COLORADO

After the disgusting display at the nation's Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, I am distancing myself from conservatives. Will not renew.

NAMELESS, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

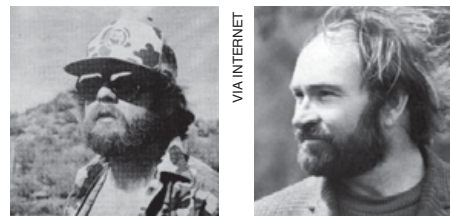
You are the only voice of the West. I wish our Congress would read *every* issue.

CAROL DUNTEN, DREWSEY, OREGON

They all receive copies thanks to ranchers.—Ed.

ALL BEARDS LOOK ALIKE

I just received my Spring issue and was enjoying it and a cup of coffee when I spotted a pretty glaring error in “West First!” by Dave Skinner. The photo of EarthFirst! founder Dave Foreman is actually a photo of a friend of his, Doug Peacock, ex-Green Beret, grizzly bear advocate, author, filmmaker, and—when I knew him in Tucson, Ariz., decades ago—a guy with a little problem with alcohol. Anyway, he and Dave Foreman both



have/had beards and were sometimes mistaken for each other.

DEXTER OLIVER, DUNCAN, ARIZONA

My mistake, not Skinner's, and self-flagellation is ongoing. So who's who?—Ed.

Your generosity overwhelms me. I could never in good conscience accept a free subscription and would gladly pay 10 times the cost of one year (if I could afford it). You publish the best magazine I have ever read. Thank you for your great staff and contributors.

GUY M. CHANDLER

INDIAN SPRINGS, NEVADA

I cannot give you my name. I received a far-right rag unsolicited. I work in a government office and I don't think this is appropriate. This is political content being solicited in a government office. I'm calling on my own accord. I do not like your magazine. I feel it is very political.

ANONYMOUS, PROBABLY A USFS EMPLOYEE

Sadly, we can't find "Anonymous" on our subscriber list to cancel your gift subscription.—Ed.

Love the “Quinlan & Jones” book. The stories remind me of conversations among the ranch hands at the dinner table at our sheep outfit in Hyattville, Wyo. It gives me a smile—much

needed with all the depressing news about where our country is headed.

SAM BROWN, ORANGE, CALIFORNIA

RANGE is the best magazine ever. If you don't believe me, just ask J. Slick Satterfield!

GARY D. REID, CULLMAN, ALABAMA

Here are my 10-year-old grandson, Braxton Wright, with his champion 4-H chicken and his eight-year-old brother, Lane, preparing to ride a sheep in the annual 4-H rodeo at the



Park County Fairgrounds in Montana.

SANDY SEATON SALLEE, EMIGRANT, MONTANA

I found *RANGE* in a garbage can at a car wash and picked it up. I've read half already.

SAM MILLARD, DEADWOOD, SOUTH DAKOTA

HEROES & PATRIOTS

Dear CJ, thank you for the kind letter. I will be 70 years old this year and it has never been more important to support our ranchers and farmers! They are the really true heroes in this great country of ours!

H.E. ROSENBACH

ELMA, WASHINGTON

Two articles in Spring 2021 caught my eye: "It's All About Heroes" by Vess Quinlan and "Checking the Wild Side" by Larry Turner. The latter story about Roaring Springs Ranch has been on my horizon for years and it is encouraging to see that the ranch and nature are doing well and working in harmony.

Thanks for talking about heroes as I do believe my generation had lots of real heroes, but today our heroes seem to be shadowed intentionally by a social group wanting to change this country at its heart. I am blessed to have three great-grandchildren since this past November; number three came in March. It saddens me to think about what their future may look like.

RANGE has been a bright spot in truth about the West, but also a reminder of what rural Americans really stand for and the values they have toward life and the earth we all depend on.

NORM KRALMAN

MILTON-FREEWATER, OREGON

SICK, DEAD, DYING

In response to the "page saver letter," Spring 2021, the majority of paper pulp is manufactured from sick, dead, down and crowded second-growth thicket trees. By treating the forests and removing this trash it helps in reducing the insect infestations that feed on healthy trees. Above all, removing this trash wood dramatically reduces wildfire danger. Forests that have been neglected for over 30 years are now tinderboxes ready to explode. District Ranger Graf should visit Oregon and California and take a look at our incinerated forests. The federal employees responsible for the health of our national forests should be sued for wanton waste of our nation's natural resources. It sickens me to imagine how many wild animals perished in last year's forest fires.

I wrote this letter on real paper.

DEWEY DIETZ, PRINEVILLE, OREGON

Enclosed is a check to help you continue your very important work. The message of personal freedom, responsibility and caring for the land is one more Americans need to hear and know about the values our forefathers fought for and believed in.

WAYNE MCKEE, INDIANOLA, IOWA

Hope this finds you and the Krewe in good spirits. Please note the attached photo, which we captured here on the ranch and call "Find



Peekaboo." The calf is in the center, front edge of an old trough which serves as a feeder and is looking straight at you. The mother cow is to the right and keeping the other girls at bay. She is a longhorn/Corriente cross and the calf is out of a Hereford bull. Keep smiling!

PANCHO GIROUX, KEARNY, ARIZONA

Two magazines I rely upon for trustworthy knowledge and a solid defense of liberty are *RANGE* and *The New American*. They never disappoint, but my heart belongs to *RANGE*, which fuels my admiration for American ranchers and their families. It soothes my longing for the western way of life.

RANGE is priceless!

MONICA SEIGFREID, ASSUMPTION, ILLINOIS



INTERNET

BORDER WOES

Appreciate your magazine. I'm so tired of the Left that makes no sense for my Canada or the U.S.A. I love my country and respect the U.S.A. under President Trump. I hope God hears our cries. We need help on both sides of the border. Keep it up, don't quit.

RICHARD KLASSEN

STEINBACH, MANITOBA, CANADA

RANGE is by far the best magazine on the stands today! Fight on.

MICHAEL CHRISTENSEN, JOHN DAY, OREGON

With the dangerous, left-wing censorship, you folks are keeping it real for people like us!

DONALD P. VOSBERG, LEADVILLE, COLORADO

NO HORSE, NO COW

Here are a few dollars more. We read everything in *RANGE*, cover to cover. From a life-long farmer without a horse or a cow!

DON MACMILLAN, TIPTON, CALIFORNIA

The nice lady on the NPR fund drive said I'd feel better if I donated to the causes I support, so here's a little extra. She was right. I do feel better.

DEAN MCCLAYLAND, WAMSITTER, WYOMING

Thank you!—Ed.

Don't change! Continue to defend a way of life that has ethics and a moral compass.

A READER IN HYSHAM, MONTANA

Hey "Nameless," Spring 2021 "Letters," page 11, that fascist that you hate so much, well he wasn't perfect but he tried to keep this country together, to be self-sufficient and bring America back to its former glory as a nation, the same nation you fought for and the fight against communism abroad.

First, you should be glad you made it

home alive. Second, you were able to come home to a free country where you could pick up where you left off. So stop being so bitter. That “big fat cheating loser” may be out of office, but guess what, Einstein, welcome to the United States of China and your communist ambassadors are Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. I hope you are prepared for the drastic changes that await us. Good luck. See you in the bread line.

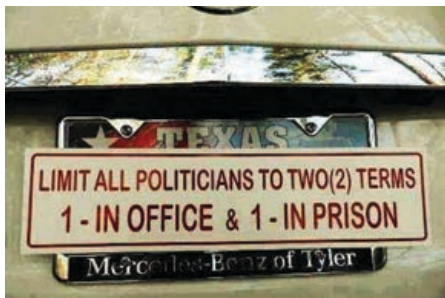
J.C., LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

Will you also apologize for bashing President Obama for four years because he's black and a lot smarter than you?

BRAVELY ANONYMOUS

RANGE is a star-studded example of excellent and accurate journalism, a breath of fresh air full of much needed information with beautiful photos and heartwarming human-interest stories. I wish more registered Democrats were open-minded like yourself.

DEANNA DYKSTERHUIS, NEWPORT, OREGON



QUIT OR GET BIGGER

I grew up on an apple and fruit farm in up-state New York. We were the last of our neighbors to use horses. In 1955-1956, Dad gave up farming. It was either quit or get bigger. Now I only subscribe to two magazines, *RANGE* and the *Waterways Journal*, a weekly publication on boats on our inland rivers.

CARL JONES, MIDWAY, UTAH

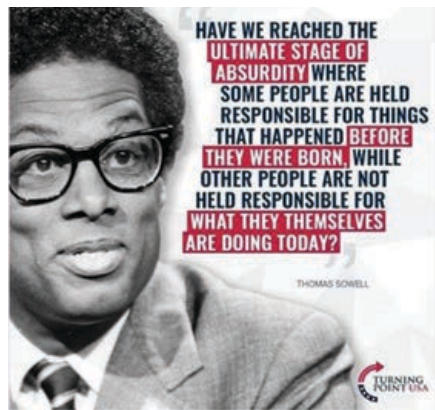
God bless and protect you for standing up for the heart of America and exposing the enemy within.

DOUG HEIMFORTH, BOISE, IDAHO

Hang in there. *RANGE* is a beacon of free speech. So many have been extinguished in this great country of ours!

MARY SANSOUCY, DUDLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

With the results of the elections (a disaster) I'm encouraged to re-up my subscription to your fine magazine. Keep up the great work, and much appreciation for your support of



us in rural America and our challenges with a government that has gone way “astray.” We will continue to do what we’ve been doing here in northern Arizona to keep the culture alive.

JIM STARKEY, CORNVILLE, ARIZONA

Ain't much left over I know, ain't got much. Retired horseshoer, been makin' spurs, knives and belt buckles over 45 years, shod horses for 50 years. Love the magazine!

STEVE FALLIS, DIVIDE, COLORADO

MEMORIES OF ALTURAS

In 1946 my parents started Talley Transportation here in Madera and hauled cattle for 30 years. I grew up on cattle trucks running around Oregon, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. Our second home in the fall was an apartment behind the Niles Hotel in Alturas. Hundreds of thousands of head were traded there and it was truly a historical landmark. The actual bar is now in the room to the north. That was before video auctions and there were a lot of cattle buyers and ranchers.

KEN TALLEY, MADERA, CALIFORNIA

RANGE tells the sad truth of our government but offsets it with great family stories.

TONY MORIN, MCALLEN, TEXAS

FLYING WITH ONE WING

Really enjoy your magazine—lots of good stuff. My son says *RANGE* is a bit too right-wing, but it's good to know both wings. Pretty hard to fly with just one!

LANCE ANDERSON, GRASS VALLEY, OREGON

Thank you for all your hard work. *RANGE* is one of our last defenses. May God bless you.

MICKEY SMITH

ARROYO SECO, NEW MEXICO

You support the people who still want to take

care of themselves and not expect the government to. If you make a mistake, it is your problem to solve, not your neighbor's. I like to sit in a chair and read *RANGE* from the front to the last page. One fine magazine that tells it like it is, the truth.

OLIVER KORSNESS, CANBY, OREGON

Just so you know, I'm a Biden supporter, so if there are more like me, maybe you could print an article about something he's done/doing that you like?

BARBARA J. LARGENT, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

I am trying to find that. It must have been blocked by Twitter and Facebook.—Ed.



DON'T SCREW UP

Don't screw up the format. Leave pretty much as is. Change is not always beneficial.

JOHN ROTH, DAVIS, CALIFORNIA

Thank you for all you do to highlight the challenges faced by farmers, ranchers and other producers critical to our nation's food supply. Their biggest challenges are BLM and USFS regulations, Mexican wolves and the drought we've been in for the past 20 years.

I'm a lifelong New Mexican, but have worked and lived all over the western United States. I had a small irrigated farm in Las Cruces in the mid-'80s when I attended NMSU. We raised registered Brangus on alfalfa and wheat pastures in partnership with the university's ag department. I know many farmers and ranchers in the Southwest who utilize both public and private lands for production.

I'm sending my free subscription to Chad Deason, whose family grows corn and wheat on the Texas border in Union County, N.M. He's a great guy and only works seven days a week, 14 to 18 hours a day!

Please keep up the great reporting on the assaults by big government and granola bar NGOs on rural America.

CODY B. WALKER

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

BANNED FROM LEFTYVILLE

Good job, Dr. Perryman. Thanks for “The

Zucchini Defense” [Winter 2020/2021] and your welcome contributions. This message is one I wish to send to every school board and administrator in America (but you and I would be banned from Leftyville forever).

JOHN H. HOAK, BIG HORN, WYOMING



The fact that people still buy your magazine and it is still in business is testament to how depraved the far-right ideals are even in this day and age. Those who are so proud that their ranches have been in their families for generations should not be! It means that they stole the land from the Indians...nothing at all to be proud of. I hope your magazine goes under and that the readers start to truly follow Jesus Christ.

PENELOPE M. BLAIR, FRUITA, COLORADO

You might consider a pullout section including either the Declaration of Independence and/or the Constitution.

DICK BURTON, SOQUEL, CALIFORNIA



STEAK NOT SALAD!

Don't change *RANGE*. Fight for what's right and tell the truth. In your letters from readers (Spring 2021, page 41) John Sarmiento from New Mexico writes, "Love your magazine but don't love the right-wing baloney." My answer to that would be: "John, it's not right-wing baloney, it's steak. If you can't chew it, go back to your salad."

JERRY DEAL, THOMPSON FALLS, MONTANA

Not sure why some Democrats don't like your magazine. I always find it uplifting.

JIM HOLLINGSWORTH, HAYDEN, IDAHO