

**Opinion from
America's Outback**

STAY THE COURSE

I have heard it said that “What we fight for defines who we are.” Stay the course, your fight is noble.

MICHAEL CHRISTENSEN
JOHN DAY, OREGON

I like your “letters” section and always wonder why so many negatives show their names. Tonight, I’m barbecuing a very rare beef filet. I’ll be 90 years old in August and the beef hasn’t killed me yet.

BOB CLOPTON
SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA

Happy to send a bit extra. Keep up the great work! Each issue is a treasure.

JOHN SAUNDERS, SARATOGA, CALIFORNIA

RANGE should be put in school libraries! I think it would help the younger generation that doesn’t live in rural America. Always

MY TURN

Until we stop apologizing for our views and values, recognize the Left as our enemy and the enemy of our nation, and begin to aggressively confront and defeat the Left, we will continue to spin toward the collapse of our nation and way of life. The new American Marxist-based Left—deeply embedded now into our government, the Democrat party, big media, big tech, big business, academia and the public psyche—is bent on the destruction of the American republic and those who support it. This is not simply my opinion, nor is it hyperbole. Leftists openly express their disdain and hatred for American foundations and values, openly work to destroy

look forward to reading each issue from cover to cover. P.S.: Here is a small donation. Hope to send more when the cattle come down from the mountains.

TYLER FERREIRA, SUTTER CREEK, CALIFORNIA

TOO FAR RIGHT

I have read *RANGE* for many years and for the past few I have debated this decision: I am not going to renew. As a cowboy, rancher, and agriculture advocate, your magazine was relevant. Now it is all political and definitely far-leaning to the right.

We have the greatest nation and it will prevail. Granted we have many extremes right and left, groups and politicians. I have sat straight on a horse. I have voted independent, for the person not the party that I felt could guide us

the best. On horseback if you lean too far left or right you are liable to fall and get hurt.

I am a combat veteran who has believed in our Constitution, flag and principles. I consider myself a patriot. But now you have to attack our Capitol to be considered a patriot.

I am unable to sign this for fear of retaliation from the violent and extreme groups that are encouraged by some of our great politicians. So sad in America.

Hopefully you will go back to England or Canada and take the former pardoned draft dodgers with you.

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All who love America are patriots.—Ed.

social/cultural/political/legal order, openly state that it is their goal to destroy America and install a new autocratic order under their control.

If we continue to ignore or misunderstand the threat, continue to pretend we can compromise with those who hate us and reject our values and institutions, continue to elect “moderate” representatives who wish to avoid offending anyone at all costs, we will lose America. We are losing America, under attack from deadly enemies within and afar. Are there enough informed, courageous Americans left to reverse the slide?

JOHN H. HOAK
BIG HORN, WYOMING



JUST TELL IT LIKE IT IS

I really don’t know how some people think you are too right wing when you just tell it like it is. You write about the West but also keep us informed about what the government is up to. It just doesn’t get any better.

JERRY CRYSTAL, LODI, CALIFORNIA

I read every issue cover to cover and sent a copy of the photo of the wind turbine blade graveyard in the Spring 2022 issue to several of my granola bar “green” friends to let them know the “rest of the story.” [Check “Ill Wind in Cherry County” by Carolyn Dufurrena at rangemagazine.com.] New Mexico is covered with turbines and all the power goes to Phoenix and Southern California!

Being a lifetime bird and predator hunter with great dogs, I rated the photo of the red-



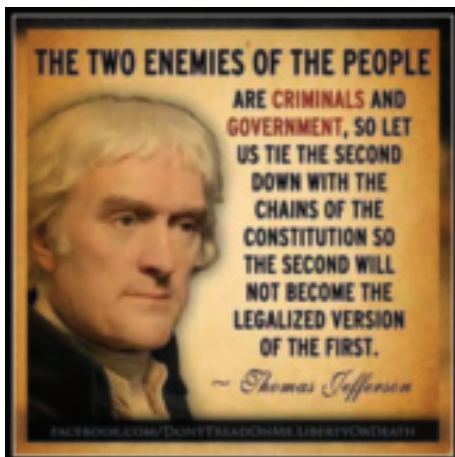
tick pups on page 23 of Summer 2022 as first place. The owner must be a magician to get all those pups to sit still! Keep up the great work and reporting on the important issues of our great country.

CODY WALKER, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

I was introduced to *RANGE* while living in Wyoming and Utah for the last seven years. Now back in Georgia, and I encourage other readers to send gift subscriptions to local libraries, high schools and local editors of newspapers. This will help spread *RANGE*’s

influence to young people and local influencers (editors). Editors always need food for their readers!

JOHN WAYNE NORRIS, CLEVELAND, GEORGIA



I'm at a stage in my life where I have time to read, ride and enjoy life. To think about what is important to me and to our way of life. I do enjoy your magazine but I can't support some of your views. That being said, is anything in life perfect? At 75 years young and having kept horses and trail ride my blue ridge for more than 30 years I do appreciate the life still. I think that the good you write about far outranks the things I read I'm not comfortable with. Keep up the good work.

PAUL E. CADWELL JR., BELFORD, VIRGINIA

NO DOUBLE DIPPERS!

I no longer wish to receive your magazine. While having a subscription from my employer, I had a family member gift me a subscription. When I left the employer, you never gave me my family member subscription! You double dipped and still have not honored the gift subscription.

UNSIGNED, POSTMARKED

PORTLAND, OREGON

How can I fix without your name and address? (We are too poor to double anything.)—Ed.

Please renew my subscription for two years and keep the balance as a gift to a wonderful publication that I read cover to cover.

BARBARA MULLINS, NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Really enjoyed "The Filly Chaser" [by John L. Moore, Summer 2022]. Johnny Moore was one hell of a man. I rode bareback horses 1960-1973 and went to a lot of Bob Barnes rodeos. I'm sure I rode some of the horses Johnny Moore shipped to Barnes.

REITER CATTLE CO., HOPKINTON, IOWA

I just finished "The Long Trail Home" and really enjoyed it. After ranching 75 years in Northern California, Oregon and Nevada, I had the opportunity to know a lot of those people. I moved back to Fallon to live out the few days I have left. I'm only 91 and had a hell of a good life.

DON NONELLA, FALLON, NEVADA

See page 87 for more LTH's and page 80 for our new book, "Face to Face."—Ed.

Please put the enclosed check to use where you see fit. That's the privilege of freedom! Warmest regards from a "non-rancher" who appreciates all they do!

JIM PASS, GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

TREASONOUS?

You people are treasonous. History will not remember you well.

ANONYMOUS, POSTMARKED

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Your magazine is the best.

DON JAUNARENA, FERNDALE, CALIFORNIA

Please use the extra for any need the magazine may have or any project or program you deem fit. *Love your magazine.*

PAUL GEERDES, ALTO, MICHIGAN

We love our subscribers and our country.—Ed.

I am a frustrated philanthropist or something. Generous but at best bouncing off the bottom of the poverty line. And I apologize for my tacky friends who never renewed their gift subs, as they lacked my proper upbringing.

THE HAIRCUT

*Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.
Via Byron McNutt, Eagle River, Wisconsin*

One day a florist went to a barber for a haircut. After the cut, he asked for his bill and the barber replied: "I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week." The florist was pleased and left the shop. When the barber went to open his shop the next morning there was a thank you card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door.

Later a cop came in for a haircut and when he tried to pay his bill, the barber again replied: "I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week." The cop was happy and left the

shop. The next morning when the barber went to open up there was a thank you card and a dozen donuts waiting for him at his door.

Then a congressman came in for a haircut, and when he went to pay his bill, the barber again replied: "I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week." The congressman was very happy and left the shop. The next morning when the barber went to open up, there were a dozen congressmen lined up waiting for a free haircut.

And that, my friends, illustrates the fundamental difference between the citizens of our country and the politicians who run it. As Ronald Reagan said, "Both politicians and diapers need to be changed often and for the same reason." ■

Man, I really dig this magazine.

EVERETT SANCHEZ

SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

Did we meet in 'Frisco in the '60s?—Ed.

TWO OLD BIRDS

C.J. Hadley's silly rant denigrating the looks of Nancy Pelosi [Fall 2022] is quite simply disgusting. *RANGE* magazine is supposed to be a serious platform for serious discussions. Not some cheap rag for the pointless blathering of an equally old bird. The readers are entitled to more reasoned opinions regarding the difficult issues facing this great country.

I can say without a doubt we Americans had better find common ground before it's too late. I suggest *RANGE* magazine use its valuable platform for just such a purpose. And now for that standard surly comeback from the editor.

WILLIAM GREGERSEN-MORASH

WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON

Please take over RANGE and show us how to do it right.—Ed.

I wanted to tell you how much we enjoyed your "Up Front: Coolidge or cleavage?" in Fall 2022. It was wonderful. Hopefully we get rid

of these crazy people soon and the American people wake up.

CONNIE THOMPSON, POLLOK, TEXAS



VIA INTERNET

RAVENS, COYOTES, SAGEHEN

Some comments regarding Ed Depaoli's letter in the Summer 2022 issue talking about ravens: I sat in the same BLM office as Ed, 1080 stations, cyanide guns, leghold traps were all over the high desert in the early '60s. A government trapper even hunted from aircraft. Coyotes were scarce, to say the least. Sagehens plentiful. Imagine what a coyote did to a brooding sagehen or sagehen brood. They are not the craftiest birds on earth. Limit two birds to the hunter, then predator control was removed and it became more restrictive to the present day. Only a handful of birds will be harvested by drawing only. It is not rocket science, folks!

ANDY PARKER, LAKEVIEW, OREGON BLM AREA MANAGER, RANSOM CANYON, TEXAS

Read the Fall 2022 issue, Stephen Studdert's "Clear and Present Danger." His last paragraph will guide you. Regarding "Bits & Spurs," Fall 2022, "Point from Teri," Mr. Hoak had the perfect clear understanding and guidance for you, and so does Mr. Studdert. You have perfect wisdom (probably from God) and guidance from your own writers. *RANGE* is a movement—force—quantum force—light energy—Army. Extremism is cutting edge, light energy, quantum force in its essence and it scares the deep state because if you are "extreme" you didn't drink "the Kool-Aid." The last paragraph from "Clear and Present Danger" notes: "We westerners can't fix the looming crisis our unaccountable government has produced, but we are courageous and self-reliant, and we stand with our neighbors. We can keep our own houses in order by immediately preparing for the inevitable economic hurricane that the blithering spin and blatant falsehoods masquerading as thought-

ful public policy "woke" radicals have created."

We love you and we do pray for you—lots. "There is no safety in the absence of danger. There is only safety in the presence of God." Stay under the shelter of His wings. Bless you.

MERIKAE PORTER, MONTROSE, COLORADO

LUST FOR LIBERTY

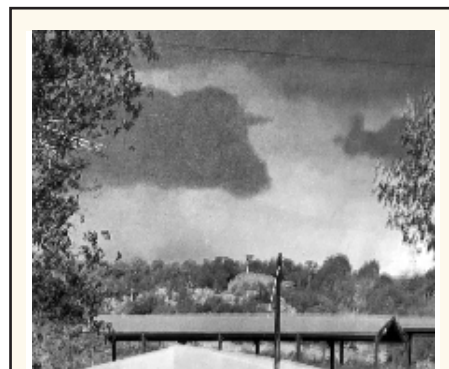
One cannot counter Teri Murrison's "Point from Teri" article in Fall 2022 more eloquently or accurately than John Hoak's "Counterpoint from John" in the same issue. Thank you, Mr. Hoak.

RANGE is "unapologetically truthful," thanks to CJ—a woman with a lust for liberty and the heart of a warrior. *RANGE* presents a priceless balance between the good and the bad occurring in the American West and America. Around the world, agricultural producers and their lifestyles are under siege by forces hell-bent on destroying property rights, independence, and liberty. Look at Canada, the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, etc. *RANGE* provides truth and information needed to persevere in this war.

Our Declaration of Independence was born out of the Founders' knowledge that working within the system, compromise, and appeasement only go so far. Battles cannot be won by the fence-sitters, the lily-livered, or the weak-kneed.

CJ, stand tall. Stand firm. You are right! May God bless you always. Long live the republic!

MONICA SEIGFREID, ASSUMPTION, ILLINOIS



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COW CLOUDS

This funny/amazing photo was taken at the Couey ranch in Silt, Colorado.

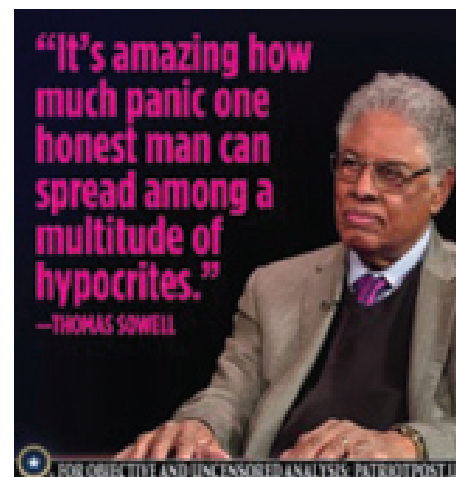
MARJORIE HAUN, LA SAL, UTAH
See "Gulag Cowboy," Winter 2022.—Ed.

Gotta say I rather side with Teri Murrison on the issue [re *RANGE*'s stridency], not because

I differ on the political slant of the magazine (which you know I do), but because I think the best part of *RANGE* is its deep love and appreciation for western rural society and culture. While I'm sure most of your readers share your politics, most of the ones I know—including my own family who are far to the right from me—rave about your affectionate and colorful appreciation for their way of life and livelihood. Just sayin'...

MARK DOWIE

POINT REYES STATION, CALIFORNIA



VIA INTERNET

Thank you for keeping freedom alive!

VESELIN DRAZEV

GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

Sorry, I cannot continue my [Agent] relationship with *RANGE* magazine. We sit on most copies sent and do not wish to renew. Your articles are outstanding, but no one seems to want to read anymore. You might consider sending one issue each quarter to county commissioners in each county in the West. It is amazing how uninformed they are about issues facing the West's survival.

SUE RAMSAY, BURNS FEED & FARM SUPPLY
BURNS, OREGON

Great idea, but we will miss you. If anyone can sponsor a county commissioner, send name and address with a check for "5 issues for \$15."—Ed.

I value the information I get from this magazine. I read it two or three times while I am waiting for the next one. Here is a little extra \$\$ to keep printing.

KEVEN INMAN, GRAHAM, WASHINGTON

You are a brilliant editor and true master of quality journalism. You have a great deal to be proud of. I smile every time my new *RANGE* arrives and read it from cover to cover.

God Bless you, CJ, for all you do to protect the West.

“CONNECTING THE DOTS WITH DAN HAPPEL,” PONY, MONTANA
DANHAPPEL.COM

Please use remainder of check to buy the ink necessary to keep the press running and the knowledge flowing.

PETER BURKETT
GRANITE FALLS, WASHINGTON

Love *RANGE*. It has the perfect mix of politics, human interest, humor and warnings.
MELINDA CAMPBELL, ARBON, IDAHO

It's my pleasure to read the truth which you write in your magazine. I have included a gift for you. There are many who would rather receive lies than the truth and do not enjoy the freedom we have in this country but enjoy living in bondage.

THOMAS DONOVAN
SHELL BEACH, CALIFORNIA

I heard you and Dave Skinner interviewed on Aaron Flint's radio program, "Montana

Talks." It was so great to hear your voices. I went through some of your past issues and reread the Summer 2020 articles that you wrote, including "Low Bleakhope" about Stuart Nelson and his family in Northumberland. Beautiful words and pictures! Enjoyed also rereading Dave Skinner's "Digging Deeper." Very enlightening.

BOB AND SHAWN KOELLERMEIER
STEVENSVILLE, MONTANA

I always enjoy the photography, stories about ranch life, and issues affecting ranch and rural life. And I always read "Amazing Facts & Quotes." The Fall 2022 issue had a couple that are relevant today, both attributed to Adolf Hitler: "The Big Lie is a major untruth uttered frequently by leaders as a means of duping and controlling the constituency." Think: Trump and his lap dogs. The other: "Let me control the textbooks, and I will control the state." Think: Idaho, Texas, Florida and other states going that way. Keep us thinking with "Amazing Facts & Quotes."

DAVID WALP, SPRINGFIELD, OREGON

MY TURN, TWO

In the minidebate between Teri Torell Murison and John Hoak ("Bits & Spurs," Fall 2022), I believe Hoak comes off the undisputed winner of the argument. Our western way of life is threatened as never before, not just by rabid left-wing citizens, but more so by the unelected bureaucracy which grows and metastasizes to all the government agencies annually—and which is not accountable to the voters.

The object appears to be destruction of the western livelihood and society. Everything we hold dear, and which is promised in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution—freedom of choice, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, Second Amendment rights, the inviolability of personal property, and freedom from oppressive taxation—is targeted by those who would see western moral behavior, economy, and lifestyle come to an end and be replaced by a socialistic and global alternative.

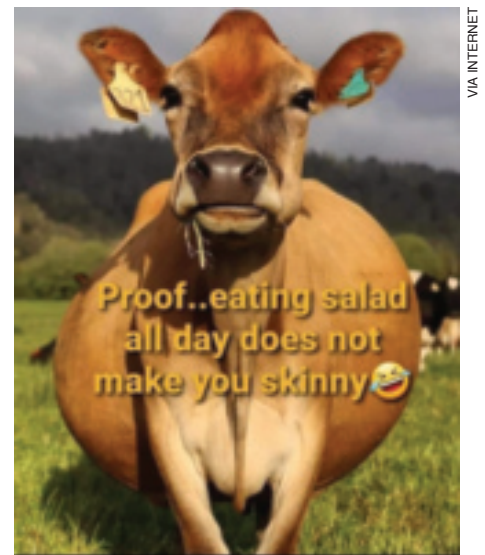
For far too long, conservatives—and perhaps especially those in the western states—have lived by a moral code that has been taken advantage of by the Left. This, of course, is a generalization; but, by and large, we tend to practice The Golden Rule and

strive to be politic and caring in our ways, while those who would see our way of life destroyed have their own playbook of rules, which we consider unfair and at times unethical, immoral, and perhaps illegal. How can we continue to be civil in our arguments and behavior when those who oppose our ways play by entirely different rules?

We have all spent many years trying to "play nice"—to no avail. As we've seen over and over again, when we interact politely in these controversies, we lose. It's time (in fact, way past time) to be more forceful and to stand up for all we believe in—against the "woke" portion of society and the bureaucracy. Federalism gives us the wherewithal to do this—community by community, county by county, and state by state—but we need to show the gumption to stand up to our antagonists and play a bit more by their rules.

Yes, playing nice is desirable, and sugarcoating unpleasant circumstances is easy to do, but it often fails to remedy actions that are detrimental to the lifestyle we love and enjoy. As John Hoak says in quoting Barry Goldwater, "Extremism in defense of liberty is no vice." Don't change a thing, CJ.

KENT STOCKTON, RIVERTON, WYOMING



VIA INTERNET

RANGE is truly a breath of fresh air amidst the onslaught of putrid shenanigans assailing our land. Yours is the only magazine to which we currently subscribe.

In a world full of journalistic fluff, you offer soul-nourishing substance, and we thank you for it! Here is a two-year subscription renewal plus a bit extra to keep up the good fight.

P.S.: Kevin's dad, Jack (a gifted horseman who likely forgot more than I'll ever know about God's most magnificent creatures), has passed peacefully at 90. He was a longtime subscriber and fan of *RANGE*.

THE BRITTONS, MOUNTAIN SPRINGS
RANCH, STAR, IDAHO

OUT THERE, OUT HERE

I read *RANGE*. It's aptly named covering the Great American Far West Intermountain Region. Its scope of coverage is equal to its backyard geography. Vast. I don't have to always agree with its editorial upshot but I can trust its journalistic content season in, season out. If you're not out there, know *RANGE* magazine is.

D.O. WILMOTH, VIA FACEBOOK

There are many of us "out here" in this beloved country who sincerely appreciate your bringing truth to light on the pages of *RANGE* and your courage in telling it like it is, even when "it" may not fit well into the popular narrative. And much to your readers' benefit, you do it all in a beautifully illustrated and expertly edited magazine. Yours is a voice in the wilderness of great value to our country.

PAM WESSEL, LAVINA, MONTANA