

## Opinion from America's Outback

### KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT

Have always said the best way to listen is to "keep your mouth shut." In your case I've changed my mind. Those like yourself with a good platform and common sense must be heard. Thank you and your staff for what you do. I am very proud of your efforts.

TERRY SCHURR, TANGLE ASS CATTLE CO.  
MANCOS, COLORADO

Stop wasting paper and postage. I will never renew. The radical right-wing views are a total turnoff.

PURLY GATES, DRIFTWOOD, TEXAS

Sign me up for the \$14.95 special, then take the extra and apply it to the cause. Fight on. We are in a war for our God-given rights and freedoms. We are fighting here in Grant County and taking a stand against COVID

mandates and state government overreach concerning water regulations and scenic river designations that even include ephemeral streams and ditches. Never retreat.

MICHAEL CHRISTENSEN, JOHN DAY, OREGON

Thanks for all you do. Wanted to help cover some of your costs.

MIKE A. SMITH, MARLOW, OKLAHOMA

Enclosed is my renewal check plus a bit more to keep you "up and running." It is a pleasure to read your magazine and hear of stories and situations that are my point of view. I so look forward to knowing that there are true patriots left in the U.S.A. "Stand for the flag. Kneel for the cross!"

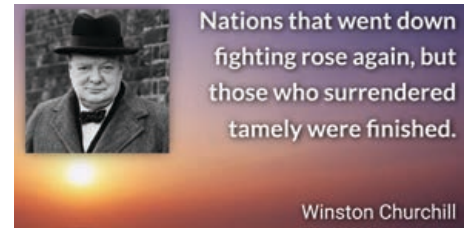
BARBARA MULLINS, ACCORD, NEW YORK

### THE FEEDING CREW

I love your magazine even though some of what you print is so darn maddening. I've worked at the same ranch for almost four decades. This



ranch is the oldest family-owned ranch in Idaho. I wish more people could understand how much hard work and sweat it takes to make a living this way, and yet what the rewards are.



That is why I'm including this photo of my "feeding" crew. It was taken one Christmas morning. My grandkids are some of the best help on the planet, at least in my opinion.

PAUL MAGART, MURPHY, IDAHO

Thanks for the great work you do in bringing out the truth! These liars will destroy us. I miss Mike Coffman's articles on the climate. We are a six-generation farm and the liberals want to take it away from us. Wake up, America!

RICHARD COFFMAN, POLO, ILLINOIS

*We miss Mike, too. All his features can be found at [rangedex.com](http://rangedex.com). Just search for "Coffman." See page 38 for David Wojick's "Silly Science."*—Ed.

How much more can people take? NSA, election fraud, censorship, Second Amendment loss, financial chaos, overbearing bureaucracy and control and just plain liberal stupidity [are] heading the country to ruin. Thank you for helping to shore up spirit and resistance. We need you in the battle.

SCOTT KERBS, SARATOGA, WYOMING

Great magazine. I read it from cover to cover—and then I do it again.

GARY JOHNSON, LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA

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### FOREST MANAGEMENT MUST CHANGE

Many years ago when I was in college and afterwards, I was a forester and private timberland manager. I managed all the timber and protection of the timber on ranches and lands up to 750,000 acres. I have fought many fires including crown fires.

There used to be fire lookouts on top of mountains and small forestry camps out in the woods. If a lookout saw smoke, they dialed it in and called another lookout who dialed it in...and *believe it or not*, a fire truck and crew immediately went and put the fire out. There were few very large fires. I don't remember any. There were no planes to drop borate. Now there are no lookouts...supposedly there are heat sensors that tell immediately when and where a fire starts. There are still lots of crews out there.

What changed?

The goal now appears to be to let the fire get large before anyone fights it...and eventually blame Pacific Gas & Electric Company when possible. How hard would it be to send out a bomber and dump a load of borate on a small fire to help a ground crew? Especially if the ground crew could get there fast! It would be *way* cheaper and safer to send out one load than hundreds of loads later

when the fire is huge!

This has nothing to do with the hardworking firefighters but plenty to do with lack of management and strategy.

I know that the enviros totally neutered the U.S. Forest Service. As a result, through mismanagement, this once great agency has left our national forests in horrible shape. There are huge fuel loads with dead, dying, and overmature trees. At least when you logged, you got value to local communities. (They shared 25 percent of the receipts from any sale instead of property taxes which the feds don't pay.) You also reduced fuel loads so fires were not so intense. Now after non-management for decades, the USFS continues to ignore real protections for the forest. Do these "leaders" get promotions and more funds for bigger fires?

It is criminal what is happening and our politicians need to make serious changes. We are losing billions of dollars of homes, livestock, forest animals, and a valuable renewable resource. We are also causing tremendous health problems with the polluting smoke from the fires.

FRANK SOLINSKY  
CHICO, CALIFORNIA

## FRIES MY BACON

After reading Marjorie Haun's story on the PAUSE Act in Fall 2021 ["Do Not Touch the Animals!"] and the pressure on food producers, I think you will be interested that on Sept. 11, 2021, bacon prices in Southern California were \$6.10 a pound. Today they are \$13 a pound at Albertsons.

DEBBIE MCCAIN, FALLBROOK, CALIFORNIA  
Go to [www.rangemagazine.com](http://www.rangemagazine.com) and click on "Do Not Touch the Animals!"—Ed.

Climate change is real. Trump was a horrible president.

BRAVELY ANONYMOUS  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

## TOO RAW

Just a note to let you know how I feel about umbrella lady and bag-lady jokes in Letters. Between me and you I feel it somewhat degrades your great magazine and your great talents.

While I'm sure some folks like the humor—it's a little too raw for many others. Even for this ol' logger and mule packer.

DALE TERRILLION, PROCTOR, MONTANA



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Excellent Fall 2021 issue! Lots of great defense of the meat industry. Speaking of meat, I especially enjoyed the story of the little old lady and her two trash bags in "Letters." I laughed out loud!

TOM DEWEESE, VIA EMAIL FROM VIRGINIA

Thank you for exposing the "bad guys."

DON & SARAH LANN, ST. JOHNS, ARIZONA

The only check I enjoy writing is to *RANGE*!

JAMES MERRILL, MADERA, CALIFORNIA

## A PRECIOUS GIFT

I once was a cowboy and had to shoe my own horses. I have since left that life behind but found a use for horse-shoe nails that provides me with an old-age purpose. Please accept this cross as a reminder of what Jesus did for us. May the Lord bless you.

JOHN MAATTA  
CHESTER, MONTANA



## EMOTIONS RUN THE GAMUT

My late husband, David, read your magazine from cover to cover! The stories and letters to the editor would have him laughing, thoughtful or pissed off! He was a true cowboy, conservationist, and steward of the land.

His nephew was with him the three weeks we had him home in hospice. He got hooked on your magazine, so please change David's subscription over to him.

PATTI JESS GOODWIN  
HARTLINE, WASHINGTON  
God bless you. We will miss David.—Ed.

It's always good to get *RANGE*. I have every copy from Volume I, Number 1 and have read every one from cover to cover. All wheels stop when it comes! I can't believe those people who want to cancel. Keep up the good work. Use the \$100 for whatever you need.

MARIAN HANSON, ASHLAND, MONTANA  
We will, and thank everyone who subscribes or tosses extra in the kitty.—Ed.

## LESS POLITICS

I enjoyed "Up Front" in Fall 2021, including notes from Fred, "a once happy subscriber." I somewhat feel the same way. I have been receiving *RANGE* for about five years because, as the name implies, it is an agricultural magazine, right? I know I am getting old but I feel *RANGE* is getting less about ranching and more about politics. This fall issue the letters were either praising Trump or putting down Biden. Very little about ranching. Almost all the articles are about politics.

During 1970-1980 I was partner in a ranch in northeast Oregon. Our main crop was alfalfa and we had 100-150 Black Angus. I want to keep my fingers in ranching, not politics. I can turn on the TV for politics. I subscribe to two agricultural papers that cover the things I want—very little politics and if it is political it is neutral.

You are probably thinking I am a Democrat. Nope. I am 82 years old and raised a Republican. I did not like Trump before he ran for office. I did not like some of his business practices and the way he took advantage of people. He was not honest in business and I would not vote for a president who had been dishonest in the past.

KEN LAKE, SALEM, OREGON  
Sorry to confuse. *RANGE* is not an ag magazine even though we are advocates for food producers, especially cowboys and shearers. (There are 130 good ag mags already "out there.") We are listed on the Web under "environment" and "ecology" and Webster's says that "range" means "the region throughout which a kind of organism or ecological community naturally lives or occurs." Our com-

munity consists of ranchers and other resource providers and rural West dwellers. We share their love for land and animals, warn them about what's coming their way, and try to relieve pressures on them from radicals, government, nonprofits and bad politicians. I am also old and a registered Democrat. My party has lost its way.—Ed.

## BLM NIGHTMARE

The Tracy Stone-Manning issue—she is Biden's BLM leader—exposes the utter contempt the feds have for us in the West. We thought the BLM was weaponized under Dan Love. Stone-Manning will be a nightmare.

MARJORIE HAUN, LA SAL, UTAH  
See "Crazy Is the New Mainstream" by Dave Skinner on page 42.—Ed.

Here's an extra hundred to be used where needed. Keep doing what you're doing making these anti-Americans nuts.

EARL E. LOUT, FREMONT, CALIFORNIA

In the most recent international "Race to the Bottom" awards competition, CNN was able to thoroughly thrash all other mass media outlets. One observer, J.D. Clampett, noted, "They're



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[now] lower than a snake's belly in a wagon rut."

ALAN HART, TROUTDALE, VIRGINIA

Thanks again for your precious magazine. We continue to enjoy each issue. Best regards from the Basque country.

BEATRIZ JIMENEZ AGREDA  
SAN SEBASTIAN, SPAIN

## LETTER FROM FRED

Hi CJ, I got the *RANGE* magazine and saw that you posted our emails in your "Up Front." Thank you for both. I think that our exchange proves that complete opposites in politics can have a respectful and civil exchange on their own merits. I also enjoyed many of the stories in this issue. As you know, I have tremendous respect for those who came before me, so my favorite section is "Red Meat Survivors."

You listed many different TV stations and newspapers that you depend on for the latest

news. However, with all the strife in the world and social media, I choose not to even view the news. There is just so much misinformation out there. Sometimes I think the American people have gone insane.

FRED SCOTT, VIA EMAIL  
*Insane American people? I agree.—Ed.*

Rereading “Up Front,” in Fall 2021, I don’t comprehend the likes of Fred who refuse to see the good accomplishments of President Trump. “The Donald” was, his personality was, maybe is downright crude. But in spite of that, the business side of him went to work. He made a shrinking, although slightly, in the swamp.

Fred and a few others are saying you are spouting the Republican agenda. I don’t see that. It is more like “good ole American conservatism.” But the Dems are off on the socialist track now. God forbid.

Find enclosed check to cover some of those withdrawals by those with closed minds.  
MARVIN REED, RENO, NEVADA

## PRETTY WEATHER

Good morning. A rancher in Idaho thanks heli-



copter firefighting crews as they pull water from the ponds on his land.

TWEET FROM @AMERICAN\_BARBIE  
VIA CLARK CARTER, EMAIL

A friend gave me a copy of *RANGE* and I was so pleased to find a publication with such integrity and truthfulness that you have a new subscriber. I especially enjoyed Lee Pitts “Cali-Phony-A.” His good sense of humor softens the blows of reality. I grew up in the small town of Hilt, a mile from the Oregon border. Life was simple and sane. Today, you need a search warrant to find either one.

TINA TALLERICO, YREKA, CALIFORNIA

For the first time in many years I decided to turn on the TV News in order to see if it had im-

## A PARADOX

*RANGE* magazine is a paradox because its circulation far outreaches its subscriber base. Let me explain: *RANGE* readers get so dog-gone excited about what’s in the magazine, they can’t wait to share it with a friend, who shares it with two, who share it again. A copy of *RANGE* takes on a life of its own, becoming more than a fascinating resource for news and stories, but also a reminder that truth in media still exists.

Anywhere rural folks meet up to talk about their livestock, or what their sons and daughters are up to, you’ll find love-worn copies of *RANGE*. Anywhere you find working men and women with mud on their boots, you will find *RANGE*. If you want to light up a work-worn farmer, or road-weary trucker, give them a copy of *RANGE*. If you want to bring a smile to the face of a ranch wife or rodeo mom, tell her about the latest issue of *RANGE*. These are the people who get dirty and face danger every day, not in search of thrills or Instagram likes, but to feed their families.

proved. It hadn’t, but the weather girls were still pretty and *RANGE* is still a hit.

FRANK C. FREEMAN, TOMBSTONE, ARIZONA

Don’t need no Early Bird Savings. Keep “Hangin’ and Rattlin’”

E. WEBER, SAN ANDREAS, CALIFORNIA

Yours is a welcome voice in an otherwise sea of cacophony. Thank you for your continuing efforts and devotion to good sense and preservation of the knowledge that old ways are both viable and persist and that the world is larger, more complex, and more beautiful than electronic devices.

ART SEYMOUR, STAGECOACH, NEVADA

## A SMART CAT

My cat, Montana, just turned 18. She is a Manx and that makes her a little quirky, but today took the cake. Andy and I have a pact: Always close the laptop. It’s warm and the cat loves to lie on the keyboard. Someone—me—forgot to close it. This morning I woke up and checked in on the cat gasping with guilt. Montana had opened 11 Web pages and printed a three-page document on spelling and grammar!

CYNTHIA BALDAUF, WISDOM, MONTANA

*RANGE* keeps me enlightened to what is actually happening. Just like the truth from the NRA and on my local Christian radio station.

No matter what problems are dogging the rural West, *RANGE* has addressed them in one way or another, and so I keep a stash of past issues in the back of my pickup. There’s no need for me to yammer on about the forces threatening our food producers, or the awful policies burning up our western forests. All I do is present a copy of *RANGE* to whomever wants solutions to these problems, or just wants to know more. But it’s about more than information. It’s about trust.

The folks who feed America depend on access to the truth and, without a hitch, *RANGE* delivers. There are a lot of things that connect people in the West: shared histories, a love for wide-open spaces, rural living, rugged individualism, and *RANGE* magazine.

MARJORIE HAUN, SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR  
LA SAL, UTAH

*If you can help distribute back issues of RANGE, please email promo@rangemagazine.com.—Ed.*

It’s alarming what is going on and the accelerated rate that is happening and it’s a shame the readers cancel their subscriptions because you print the truth! So much of our society wants to play the three monkeys and ignore what is actually happening. Keep your head up and watch your topknot.

CHRIS BELL, BAKER CITY, OREGON

This is the future without *RANGE*’s help!  
DARRELL HOLLAND, BILLINGS, MONTANA



## 100 GOOD YEARS

Raised on farm, worked farm, worked ag lending 13 years, ran ornamental plant nursery 30 years (in cans) and now farm in dirt in San Joaquin Valley. You only have 100 good years—then everything starts going to heck.

Enclosed find \$100 to compensate for lost

revenue on cancelled subscriptions. Keep up the good work

GREG PILCHER, SILVERTON, OREGON

Y'all are so good—you keep the “hope” going for me. Here's an extra \$100 to defray expenses. Love Tim Cox's Fall 2021 cover!

KATHY REAVIS, MISSION, TEXAS

*Greg and Kathy and many other generous subscribers, we thank you with all our hearts.—Ed.*



Your mag is the greatest. Longtime subscriber. The truth eats up some folks.

RICH PETERSEN, CASPER, WYOMING

I live in extreme Northern California and give your beautiful calendar to our post office. We only have 260 people in our town, so most everyone enjoys seeing it. Thank you for a window on part of our world the way it should be.

MARY HAMILTON

TRINITY CENTER, CALIFORNIA

*See page 39 for nice and easy gifts!—Ed.*

Whenever I think *RANGE* can't get any better, it does. I am a born Southerner but my heart has always been in the West. Thanks for keeping me informed and entertained.

HAROLD LEPPICH, MONROE, LOUISIANA

## REAL AMERICA

If you don't subscribe to *RANGE*, you should. [It's] one of the few real conservative and patriotic magazines out there. Real America and you will get pissed reading some of the articles, shed tears and laugh a lot.

BOB AND JINX LARIVE, VIA EMAIL

I'm a trucker, not a rancher, wrong time, wrong place. I think there are four simple slogans the cattle people need to adopt for advertising, bumper stickers, merchandise, etc. The most common I see, Beef, It's What's For Dinner, is fine for people who already eat beef but it doesn't get anyone thinking. Here they are: Beef Is Plant-based Food; Save the Fish, Eat Beef; Beef, a Renewable Resource; and Beef, Natural Organic.

Each of these challenges a common misconception about the place of beef on the land and on the plate. Cattle are natural animals that convert natural grass we can't eat into natural meat

and protein that we can.

RAY KRAFT, VIA EMAIL

Holy Cow! After reading Tom Russell's article ["Tonight We Ride," Fall 2021] about J.P.S. Brown's books, I thought I'd like to read them. Went on Amazon and found them. Guess I need another plan. "The Outfit" is \$920 plus S&H. "Jim Kane" is \$432. Kindle is only a couple of bucks but I don't have one of those do-giggies. My library couldn't help. Sounds like something *RANGE* should try to reprint. Maybe I can borrow Mr. Russell's, but he might want my mule as collateral.

LINDA MEYER, SPEEDWELL, VIRGINIA

Many blessings to everyone involved with *RANGE*, the best western history, constitutional, informative magazine existing!

CONNIE & DENNIS GOMEZ

KALISPELL, MONTANA



## THE RADICAL ENABLER

Hello Lee [Juillerat, with copy to *RANGE*]: It surprised me a few years ago when I found you're connected to C.J. Hadley and *RANGE* magazine...which is a radical enabler of the Sagebrush Rebellion, associations with the American Lands Council network longstanding and still tight. I just wanted to say that you appearing in the Summer 2021 issue—not to mention with radical, theoconstitutional anti-public lands activists like Haun, Macfarlane and McKay—is both disheartening and discrediting.

CHRIS ZINDA, VIA EMAIL

*Chris needs to check real facts.—Ed.*

*RANGE* is one of the few publications I take time to read cover to cover. I am still trying to figure out how you can be a Democrat and still publish the things that you publish.

JIM HOLLINGSWORTH, VIA EMAIL

## WHEW!

Well, the place burnt down in 2017 from PG&E wildfires. My dear mother passed eight months later. Two weeks later my husband filed for divorce. Two weeks after that the family attorney died on the operating table—whew! But I'm still here. And my *RANGE* magazine is something familiar, which is quite important since everything else has disappeared. This has been a very turbulent time—we need to work hard to stay the course. Stay light. Thanks for still being around.

RONDA PASCOE, GRASS VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

*RANGE* offers a light of sanity in an ever-darkening world!

DALE & PAT MAGART

DEER PARK, WASHINGTON

## CHANNELING CHURCHILL

The Democrats have supermajorities in major U.S. population centers (the states with the highest numbers of U.S. representatives). Democrats control “the message” (the Greta Thunberg message), not just domestically but internationally. Democrats seek not to just dominate, but to eliminate partisan competition. Democrats furthermore seek to eliminate oil, gas and coal.

The most potent ammunition of the conservative wing of this great Republic has been the fact that common sense eventually wins the day, but in today's cultural tattooed society, that weapon is not as reliable anymore.

Recently heard on NPR that there are now more than 139 gender reassignment clinics in the United States alone (for one example). Bear in mind this means multiples of actual clinicians who went to actual medical schools for eight years. The former “commonsense” totems of society!

Odd how quickly it's all happening, too. Especially the laissez-faire attitudes of the general population. On the other hand, we must channel our inner Churchill and never give up. Never never never.

JONATHAN CONNERY

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

