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[The High Lonesome Ranch](#)

was pleased to serve as the host site for the 2026 [Range Rider Training](#). This collaborative initiative, led by the [Western Landowners Alliance \(WLA\)](#), in partnership with [Colorado Parks and Wildlife](#) and the [Colorado Department of Agriculture](#), focuses on expanding a skilled

workforce dedicated to proactive livestock management and conflict prevention. Following the initial [wolf reintroductions](#), this training provides essential capacity-building and funding to support landowners in navigating evolving wildlife dynamics.



This specialized program was designed for individuals looking to enhance their understanding of range riding and methods for reducing wolf interactions. Participants benefited from the expertise of livestock producers from across the West—including Montana, Oregon, New Mexico, and Arizona—who shared critical lessons learned and best practices. Some of the key topics included Understanding the natural patterns of the species to better predict and manage interactions, Reviewing the latest equipment and methods available to modern riders, and Building the necessary relationships between producers and agencies.

A highlight of the session was a wildlife track and sign evaluation hosted by [Casey McFarland](#) of CyberTracker North America. This evaluation was designed to enhance the technical skills necessary for range riders to accurately monitor and report carnivore activity. By hosting the event on our private deeded land, we were able to bypass the extensive administrative clearances typically required for such evaluations on federal land, ensuring the training remained focused on practical, on-the-ground results. We welcomed producers, agency representatives, and range riders to the ranch, and provided early access to the CyberTracker team as they identified local tracks and signs to facilitate this high-level educational experience.



We are thrilled to announce that we are partnering as a [sponsor](#) for the upcoming [Palisade Farm Fest](#), hosted during the first weekend of May! This event is a true celebration of Western Colorado agriculture, craft beverages, and local food, bringing together the farmers and producers who make our valley thrive.

As part of our commitment to local food systems, we have donated a [half-beef](#) for a live butchering demonstration, hosted by [Chef Matt Tezak](#), to showcase the craftsmanship behind [regeneratively raised](#) meat.

The weekend kicks off with Friday farm tours for a behind-the-scenes look at local production, followed by a full festival experience on Saturday at Veterans Memorial Park. You can view the whole schedule and buy tickets [HERE](#).

While you enjoy the local food, craft beer, and educational seminars, be sure to swing by [The High Lonesome Ranch](#) tent! You can meet our [team](#) and enter our exciting [Sweepstakes](#) to win a [50# grass-finished ground beef box](#). It is a fantastic opportunity to learn about our mission, support La Plaza Palisade, and potentially walk away with a freezer full of premium beef!

Our next processing date is officially scheduled for **JUNE 15TH**, and now is the time to secure your stock of premium, [grass-finished beef](#)! We are offering both [half](#) and [whole](#) shares to help you lock in incredible pricing and [food security](#) for the years to come.

A [half share](#) guarantees at least 200 lbs of beef, while a [whole share](#) guarantees at least 400 lbs - all of which is [regeneratively raised](#) right here on our [Audubon Certified bird-friendly land](#).

Your beef comes vacuum-sealed, ensuring it stays fresh and delicious for 3+ years in your freezer. By purchasing a share, you aren't just filling your freezer with [nutrient-dense](#) protein; you are directly supporting the [conservation](#) of Colorado's wildlife corridors, native grasslands, and the health of our local ecosystem.

Supplies for the June processing are limited and fill up fast, so be sure to [reserve yours today](#) to ensure your family has the very best beef all year long!



On a [ranch](#) that spans from 4,000 to 9,000 feet, fencing isn't just a boundary—it is a constant, evolving conversation with the landscape. Since the [Pine Gulch Fire](#) of 2020, our relationship with these borders has become even more complex. We are still navigating the aftermath of that historic burn, battling consistent [debris flows](#) triggered by spring snowmelt and summer monsoons that can wash away miles of hard work in a single afternoon.



The challenges aren't just environmental; they are biological. We frequently repair gaps where [wildlife](#) have torn through wires in a desperate sprint to escape predators, and every autumn, our team heads into the high country to "lay down" fences. This labor-intensive task prevents heavy [mountain snowpack](#) from snapping the wires, but it means every spring requires a massive effort to stand those lines back up.

With the arrival of good weather, our team is gearing up to tackle several big fencing projects across the ranch. However, this year looks a little different thanks to our partnership with [Halter HQ](#). By integrating [virtual fencing technology](#), we have drastically reduced the need for temporary poly-line fencing.

In the past, our Adaptive Multi-Paddock ([AMP](#)) grazing required hours of manual labor to set and move internal lines. Now, we can manage those pasture moves digitally, allowing our crew to focus their energy on the permanent structural fences that protect our most sensitive boundaries. This blend of high-tech solar collars and traditional post-and-wire work ensures we continue our mission of [regenerative stewardship](#) while working smarter against the rugged elements of Western Colorado.



Meet Emily...

As the ranch continues to grow and evolve, having a steady hand at the helm of our daily operations is essential. We are thrilled to introduce our new Office Manager, Emily Wood, who brings a wealth of local knowledge and a profound respect for the ranching way of life to The High Lonesome team. With her extensive background in Western Slope agriculture and a forward-thinking approach to management, Emily is already playing a vital role in helping us steward this land for the future.

Emily grew up moving all over the country as an Army brat but chose to make the West her home and settled in Colorado over a decade ago. It was on the West Slope that she fell in love with agriculture, and the

landscapes and lifestyle of the West. She is happiest out in the mountains, in the sunshine, with the dogs, cows, and horses.

With over 10 years of experience in farming and ranching, she developed a deep passion for land, livestock, and regenerative agriculture. Ranching for Profit certified, she is devoted to upholding the heritage of ranchers who have gone before her while simultaneously adapting and adopting new practices in order to be viable and sustainable for future generations.

Her additional experience working in local sale barns, feedlots, and meat processing lends itself well to the mission of the ranch. We are honored to have her on the HLR team as we care for and steward the resources of this beautiful ranch.

Happy Trails,

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