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### **Ranch News Recap:**

- Guest Services updates
- Audubon Rockies Dry Fork Creek restoration project
- Spring calving season!
- Half and Whole beef shares available now!**

### **Hello there!**

Exciting developments are on the horizon! After years of anticipation, we are thrilled to share that we are moving forward with the land/trustee initiative, a project that has been in the works for over a decade. Alongside this announcement, we want to inform you that Guest Services has

been temporarily suspended until vertical infrastructure is complete. Additionally, please remember that hunting and fishing activities on the ranch will remain suspended for the time being. The aftermath of the **Pine Gulch Fire** in 2020 devastated approximately 90,000 acres of prime hunting territory and our fishing streams, making it impossible to offer ethical hunting experiences or viable fishing options on the property.



As the land continues its recovery, we are committed to preserving the wildlife's generational memory, ensuring they have the opportunity to return safely to our area. During the construction of the new infrastructure, we will continue to implement our **regenerative ranching practices** and maintain our **Audubon Conservation Ranching certification**. Our focus has shifted towards becoming a dedicated livestock and agriculture ranch. You may have noticed our recent advertisements promoting our delicious **beef products!** We are excited about this new chapter and look forward to sharing more updates with you as we progress.

In a different vein, our most recent collaboration with **Audubon Rockies** was aimed at enhancing the ecological health of upper **Dry Fork Creek**. This initiative focused on tackling challenges related to riparian zones, water quality, and erosion.

During the first phase of restoration, we assembled a diverse team that included Audubon's Western Rivers staff, legal experts, engineers, stream restoration consultants, and committed funding partners. Together, we developed innovative strategies to rejuvenate the river-wetland corridor of upper Dry Fork Creek. This is an ongoing project that will span several years.

We eagerly anticipate sharing updates on this unfolding journey through 2026 as the project advances!



Our hearts are overflowing as we joyfully celebrate the arrival of the very first calf of the 2025 season at The High Lonesome Ranch!

This precious little being represents a beautiful new chapter, and we are utterly delighted. It reflects the unwavering commitment and effort we have invested in nurturing our herd. Last season, we faced some difficult choices and made significant culling decisions, prioritizing the health and temperament of our beloved mama cows.

We feel incredibly fortunate to have a group of mothers who are not only protective and nurturing but also remarkably gentle.



As we embark on this exciting transformation at The High Lonesome Ranch, we are filled with anticipation for the future. We are grateful for your continued support and look forward to sharing our progress with you!

Warm regards,

**Ace Hartsock**

Ranch Services Director



Witnessing their tender interactions with their newborns is a true honor.

Even more heartwarming is how these extraordinary mamas trust us enough to tag and vaccinate their calves with such ease, ensuring a stress-free experience for everyone involved! See more of their journey on our socials!

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