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Ranch News Recap:

- Phase II of HLR 2025 Riparian Restoration Project With Audubon Of The Rockies
- HLR has joined the Palisade Chamber of Commerce!
- Grass Finished Beef Gift Cards!
- HLR Staff 2025 Thanksgiving Party



This fall, we completed the second major phase of our ongoing riparian restoration project on the [North Dry Fork Creek](#), a critical two-mile stretch on the ranch. This long-term effort is a partnership with [Audubon of the Rockies](#) and is designed to improve the creek's health, benefiting both our environment and our [ranching operations](#).

The core of the project is called Low-Tech Process-Based Restoration (LTPBR). It's a smart,

hands-on approach that uses simple materials to jumpstart natural recovery processes.

Key Goals and Objectives:

- **Restoring the Creek:** The main goal is to accelerate the creek corridor's ecological recovery, simultaneously supporting local wildlife habitat and [operational ranching objectives](#).
- **Healing Post-Fire Impact:** Since the area was affected by the [2020 Pine Gulch Fire](#), a major focus was preventing further channel incision (the creek digging too deep) and managing post-fire debris flows.
- **Reconnecting Water:** The structures are designed to slow water flow, which helps the creek reconnect with its natural floodplain and increase lateral water connectivity.



Phase II was carried out over two weeks. We contracted with Goodfellers LLC to perform the installation.

- **Significant Workload:** During this phase, 49 new restoration structures were installed, and 34 existing structures ([from Phase I in 2024](#)) were maintained and reinforced.
- **Building with Nature:** The crew constructed various types of woody debris structures, such as Post Assisted Log Structures (PALS), which mimic natural log jams and beaver dams.
- **Local Materials:** The crew utilized local materials, including the dense twigs of Utah juniper, as well as logs and root balls sourced from existing debris flows on the ranch.
- **Adaptive Management in Real-Time:** A significant flood event occurred between the two construction weeks. This was a powerful test, allowing the crews to immediately return and perform crucial maintenance and adjustments to structures that were impacted, proving the project's resilience and capacity for adaptive management.

This restoration work is an important investment in the long-term health and productivity of the [High Lonesome Ranch](#) ecosystem. We look forward to sharing more updates on the creek's recovery in the future!

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chamber of commerce

We are excited to announce that [The High Lonesome Ranch](#) has officially become a member of the [Palisade Chamber of Commerce](#)! This step represents a deeper commitment to our community on the Western Slope and strengthens [our mission](#) to connect [regenerative ranching](#) with local economic vitality.

Joining the Palisade Chamber is more than just a membership; it's a strategic partnership that aligns perfectly with our values of [land stewardship](#) and community connection.

- **Championing the Western Slope's Agricultural Heritage:** Palisade is renowned for its rich agricultural roots—from peaches and vineyards to [our grass-finished beef](#). As a member, [HLR](#) gains a seat at the table to collaborate with other businesses focused on sustainable tourism and local food production, reinforcing the importance of our working landscape.
- **Increased Visibility for Our Beef:** The Chamber provides numerous marketing and visibility benefits, including being listed in their business directory and access to community events. This helps us connect [HLR's premium, grass-finished beef](#) with a wider audience of residents and visitors who value [high-quality, ethically raised](#) local products.
- **Networking and Collaboration:** We look forward to participating in Chamber events, such as Business After Hours and educational seminars. These opportunities will allow us to form valuable relationships with other local leaders, exchange best practices, and contribute to the region's overall economic sustainability and growth.

This partnership marks an exciting new chapter, allowing us to better serve our customers and deepen our roots in the Western Colorado community. We look forward to seeing many of you at future Palisade events!



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As the busy fall season wraps up and the holidays approach, we are taking a moment to reflect on what truly drives [The High Lonesome Ranch](#): our exceptional [team](#).

While [The High Lonesome Ranch](#) may not be a family-owned operation, we are absolutely a family-run ranch. Every member of our staff, from the riders to the office team, shares a profound commitment to [stewardship](#) and to our customers.

To celebrate this spirit of teamwork and dedication, we hosted our annual staff Thanksgiving party here on the ranch this month. It's a chance for the entire crew to set aside their work boots, enjoy the camaraderie, and appreciate one another.

The evening was a proper celebration, featuring delicious food from [Berna B's catering](#), accompanied by good music and spirits.

We firmly believe that gatherings like this are essential—they help keep our team's bond strong, ensuring we remain a cohesive and effective unit as we work together to deliver the [best beef](#) and [steward the land](#) we all love.

As the fall season gives way to winter, we are grateful for your continued support and look forward to sharing more ranch news in the year ahead. Wishing you and your family warmth, good company, and a happy Thanksgiving from the HLR family!

Warmest wishes this fall season,

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