

THE CM ROUNDUP



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Tis the season to be thankful for another memorable summer at the CM Ranch. I am sincerely thankful for all of our guests, friends, and crew members that love and cherish the CM just like it was their own. Countless are the times I have wiped away tears on Sunday afternoon because I've fallen in love with so many families and hate seeing them go. Witnessing friendships being made and families reconnecting with one other and nature is truly a blessing. It gives us such pleasure in what we do. Each summer guests try to disconnect from electronic devices

and reconnect with each other.

I loved that several families had a "no electronics" rule for the week as soon as they turned on to Fish Hatchery Road. BRAVO!! Developing relationships and reconnecting is what it is all about!

I enjoy the guest book comments and looking through all of my photos. Thank you all for making it a truly magical summer.

2014 already looks busy! National Geographic will be returning for two weeks of workshops. We are hosting three weddings,

and over half of you rebooked before you left at the end of your stay. I am so excited! Visit www.cmrancho.com to check availability if you are considering visiting us at the ranch next summer.

Don't be a stranger during the off-season. We would love to hear from you throughout the year! I am constantly updating our facebook page and I appreciate your support and comments. Look for our blog on the CM Website and more photos on Twitter....yes, we tweet, too.

*To the cowboy, the best things in life
aren't "things." - Cowboy Ethics,
James P. Owen*

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The clouds parted just in time to capture Anna and Smokey on this crisp morning



Kristin Foster

Morning roundup for National Geographic



Sting, Rosemary, and Smidge



Buck Draney moving the herd at daylight

The Mane Attractions

The horses are settled into their winter pastures and already fatter and harrier than ever! For the National Geographic Workshop weeks, they looked sleek and trim. If you are interested in participating in the workshops planned for next summer, then please visit

www.nationalgeographicexpeditions.com, or call us for more information.

The CM now owns 93 horses and they all spend the winter in various pastures close to the ranch. Most of our horses are bought at horse sales or we trade for them. Some are born right here on the ranch and are brought up through the ranks. The babies born this spring are being weaned from their mama's and we are keeping them in Lower Jingle. Rosemary, Sting, and Smidge are all doing well and will be receiving a lot of attention this winter. Whether it is your first time to saddle up, or you are a seasoned rider, we will have the mount for you!

"Courage is being scared to death - and saddling up anyway." - John Wayne

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What's happening around the ranch?

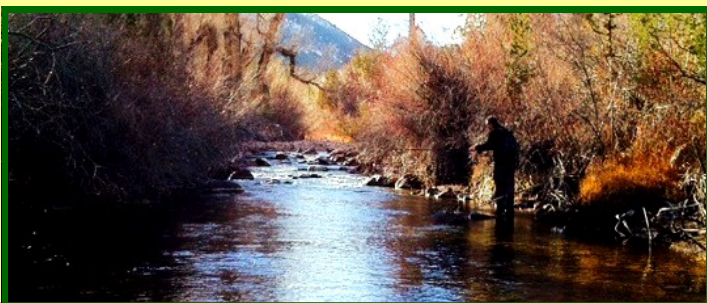


What's going on at the ranch now? Our fall/winter months are normally dedicated to maintenance and refurbishing projects. This year we are concentrating on the Roundup Cabin. The Roundup is the oldest building on the ranch. Built in 1909, it was the original homestead cabin. It was built on very little foundation and over the years there has been a lot of settling taking place. Without destroying the historical character of the building, we have given it a new life by installing a foundation around the perimeter of the building. We have also beefed up the structural integrity with new logs in key areas. A lot of memories have been made in the Roundup over the years and with the restoration, it will be there for all of us to enjoy for many years to come.

Over the next few weeks Santa's workshop will be in full force as we tie tiny red bows and sage to all of the Christmas cards.

KMock will be here and be fishing until Jakey's Fork is frozen. You won't believe the beautiful areas he has cleared out there for better fishing access on the Jakey's. He is helping Barb out at Paya's, too. You can keep up with him via his facebook page: ifish307

The gang is all here and wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.



KMock fishing in the Jakey's Fork



Rainbow Trout caught in the Jakey's Fork

***"When kissin' a cowboy in the rain
make sure you both fit under his hat."
- A cowgirl's Guide to Life***