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Hello guys and gals!

“Let it snow, let it snow, let it snowoooooww!”

We’ve just received our first significant snowfall of the season. The forecast is calling for a winter

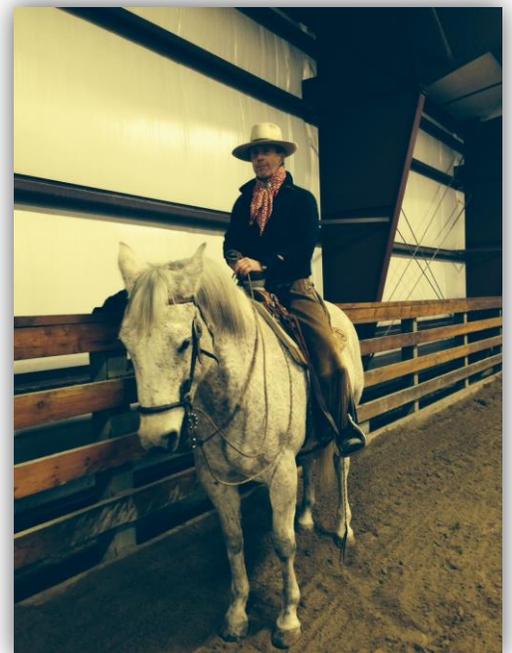


storm watch until tomorrow. Temps have dropped into the 30s in the daytime, and it looks like there might even be a couple of days in the 20s next week!

We’ve gotten our old heaters fixed, and our new heating system set up in the indoor arena just in time! The radiant heat in there makes you feel warm from head to toe...even for sissies like me that usually feel the need to wear 2 pairs of gloves and 2 pairs of socks inside all winter.

We all headed down to Whitefish on Sunday to ride with Buck in the H2 clinic from Monday to Wednesday. This clinic is different from most Buck clinics. There usually less than 15 riders and its composed exclusively for McGinnis staff and a

handful of other folks who have been riding with Buck and in this particular clinic for several years. Because of this unique dynamic, Buck is able to delve far deeper into what he teaches us.





For example, Buck said that a horse can be in and out of a soft feel but stay in balance; a horse can be in and out of balance but maintain a soft feel; or a horse can be in and out of balance and in and out of a soft feel. But he also said that a horse isn't truly soft unless he's in balance.

In Buck's words, "I've scheduled a lot of Horsemanship 2 clinics this year, and this is the only one I've done."

Of course we were blown away with Buck's riding, and where Reuben and Rebel are compared

with how they looked the last time we saw them (which was still over-the-top amazing.) It continues to blow me away with how quickly and easily a horse can progress with Buck's accuracy of feel and timing. Many of the "problems" that we run into so often with our own horses have been non-existent for Buck for over 30 years!

We were all there to soak up as much information as we could. Buck would be answering questions from us as long as we kept them coming. And his explanations were extensive and super helpful. I think a big difference in this clinic as opposed to some others is that we weren't looking for "ride time," we were just looking for "Buck time." In this type of horsemanship, we aren't looking to reach a destination—we're just looking for more tools to pick up on the journey. If any of you are able to come out and watch that clinic next year, I would HIGHLY recommend it!

On Thursday and Friday, all of the boys headed out with Randy to build more fence. Between the end of last week and the end of this week they completed 2 ¾ miles of fence which puts the total completed fenced area at 14 miles. There probably won't be any more fence building until the springtime, where Randy thinks we'll have another 10 miles to go. He said it might be more...he keeps finding ways to expand operations!

With that I'm going to call it a weekend.

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