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Hello guys and gals!

This last week was spent doing a lot of pre-winter cleaning, mending and improving. The boys really tidied up the arena. Every wall was scrubbed down and turned to bright white. Every stall in the arena and in the hospital area was filled in with fresh dirt and evened out nicely. Our large overhead heaters were blown out. An order was put in for some new, brighter lighting for the arena and we should be getting it installed in the next couple of weeks. All of that is going to make for some really nice riding (and hopefully some better looking photos) in the arena this winter ☺

The 4 inches of snow we got this weekend melted by Tuesday which made the weather just perfect for getting rid of several burn piles around the ranch. Looking across the meadows on Tuesday night, one might have thought that Randy and Dori's house was on fire with the flames of their burn piles rising into the air! We're pretty much fire and smoke free now.



The hunters have been all over the place, looking to score themselves an elk or a deer. I think we've spotted more spectacular looking bucks this November than we have in several years. What we don't see, that is still incredibly prevalent right now—is all of

the prey and predators that come out at night. Randy still sets up his trail cam and comes back with it in hand, giddy with all of the animals that have been caught on camera throughout the week. Just this last week alone it showed us 3 bobcats (1 solo, 2 together) with one of them proudly carrying a snowshoe rabbit in its mouth! We also saw a wolf, a coyote, a buck and an elk—and one skunk.



In light of that, this will be “wildlife week” for photos. Here are some of our wildlife photos, taken by us, our guests and our spy cam throughout 2013 ☺

Have a great weekend everyone,

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