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Hi guys and gals!

I just love our guests! We had Catherine here for a second week, heading into her third, and Pattie just finished up week 1, and is heading into her second week. We had so much fun with them!

Each day has been spent laughing and laughing...about rainbow bridges, captain crunch pancakes, and all of the odd and silly dreams we've been having each night. Those two girls may as well be cousins to us.

Pattie has started referring to McGinnis Meadows groundwork as the G2 Summit! For Pattie, she had an epiphany. She said she realized that all this time, the horse has been working her rather than her working the horse! There were lots of puzzle pieces that started coming together, getting her timing more smooth, realizing how constant her own feet and hands had to be in a circle so that her horse could get balanced in a circle around her, getting more into a consistent rhythm with the horse.

With all of the refined groundwork we've been doing, the guests are getting these horses softer when riding than they have ever been—even softer than they've ever been with the wranglers!



The changes I've been seeing in the short time I've been out with the guests are impressive. Catherine has always ridden a bit rigidly in her previous visits here. This week I really noticed a change in how fluid her body is moving with the horse now and the results are downright amazing! "If you're riding stiff, your horse will ride stiff" Shayne says.

Nathan pulled the last of the herd's shoes for the winter this week. He also replaced a tire on our military feed

truck, so that we can start cruising around in it again, and leave the John Deere and trailer behind us.

Chris has been welding and “fabricating” all week in the shop, making trucks and trailers more user friendly for the ranch. He and Nolan have also been working on cleaning up the shop, making it safer and more organized.

Randy and Dori left for a branding at our friend Dr. Bill’s place last week. They’re still there, roping those calves one by one. One day Dori said the HIGH didn’t get above 18 degrees! Ewwww! Randy said they woke up to a pleasant 60 degrees today but sheesh, what a temp range!

In lieu of the New Year, I was wondering if some of you would mind providing us some feedback on the Highlines. What do you guys like about them? What don’t you like? What would you like to see more or less of in the Highlines?

Finally, Randy and Dori got a new cabin at their place! It’s going to be all set up and guest ready by spring with a king size bed, full kitchen, living area and wifi too. Dori wants to call it the “North Woods” cabin, Randy wants to call it “The Other Bock Cabin.” What do you guys think? We’re open to any and all suggestions and will settle on the name we like the best 😊

Have a great week!

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