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Hi folks,

This last week was just a little bit different than most of our weeks have been going this winter. Since we only had 2 guests, we were able to spend a lot more time working on some things with our colts and not-yet-guest string horses. A lot of this included roping feet. Shayne spent much of his time roping feet on his horse Hickory; while Roby did the same thing with a client horse we have named Cody.

Shayne spent a bit of time showing Roby how to rope a horse's hind feet properly from horseback, and how to work a colt on the lead rope while horseback on a horse further along. It's done in such a way that they already feel like they've got several rides on them by the time you actually climb on their back for the first time.

We also rode other client horses and worked with the guests on many of the same things we were working on to get our horses more supple. Some things included one rein stops from the walk and the trot, and loping with the intent to bring the horses up and down in gait with the use of their bodies rather than their legs.

Randy has been out tracking some of the wildlife around the ranch. In this last week he tracked a moose with twins, a wolf that's been hanging out in the pastures by the county road, and a lion with a cub that's been spending a lot of time on Shayne's mountain behind his house! It's kind've neat hiking up there with a fresh layer of snow and seeing how recently these animals have passed through. Of course, it's a lot "neater" when you have a firearm on your side, in case you meet face to face!

Have a great week everyone!

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