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I know you have all said or heard “Wow, it has been a long time since we have seen weather like this in February and early March.” When the storms hit, we were heavy into our calving season, as were many of you. What a challenge it was to get around, let alone get everything fed and provide bedding. While we do our best, we definitely don’t win them all. The challenge of finding and getting more feed and feeding has kept all in our industry very busy. As someone said, “this weather is about to run out of calendar,” I sure hope so. During these frustrating and challenging times please remember your ranch’s biggest asset is you and your family, so be safe!

It is March 14th, I have not been back to Olympia however I have had many phone calls with our legislative lobbyist, Mark Streuli, Sarah, Neil, as well as several legislators. SB 5959, the livestock identification bill passed out of the Senate (43-2 vote) into the House. Mark is working hard to move it through the House as is, without any amendments. He is asking for continued help contacting your legislators and we will testify in Olympia on March 22nd during the House Ag hearing on ESSB 5959. ESSB 5959 is not perfect. As it is today, there is a 10% increase across the board, except for slick (no brand or 840 official EID tag) which is going up to $4/head. I hope this is a livable solution for our producers. We are doing our best to hold these lines, I can’t make any promises as it is not over as I write this.

While weather and brand are at the forefront, predators are a close third. Dave Duncan is our lead; Sarah and I try to keep up with everything happening. Federal delisting of wolves in the lower 48 states is on the table again, let’s hope it makes it through this time. The challenge will then become Washington State. The number of producers affected by predators continues to grow.

In other business, we are preparing for a March 19th executive meeting in Connell and the WCA bull sale on March 20th. “Beef Day on the Hill” will be April 11th. Bev, Don, Sarah, and many others come together to make this a memorable event for our legislators and staff. On a recent trip to Olympia we had people asking if we were there for “Beef Day”, they associate the cowboy hats with “Beef Day.”

We are also working with Idaho Association to have a joint mid-year meeting in Lewiston, Idaho. Cameron is a Pomeroy native, I had him in my 4-H group. Our memberships share many common concerns. I’d like to have a good WCA showing in Lewiston on June 24-26. The event is being called the Summer Round Up, you’ll soon see registration forms in your mailboxes. For logistical reasons, your registration forms will be returned to the ICA office. More details will be coming as we finalize plans, watch the calendar on the website for the most up-to-date information. Be sure to mark on your calendar, the morning of June 24th. That will be our second quarter Board of Directors meeting, to kick off Summer Round Up.

All these events help bring positive attention to our industry. It is amazing to me how many people do not truly understand how hard we all work to care for our land and livestock. With challenges coming from all sides I hope you know, as one past president said, “the WCA has your back!”

One final thought; Although recent circumstances have led our attitudes to be understandably bad, let’s not forget to take a minute to thank the people that have worked alongside us in this trying time. I know I am especially grateful to my family and crew for being there with me.

Sam Ledgerwood

President

March 14, 2019
A Message from the WCW President
Kady Porterfield

I’m so enjoying my new job as the Director of the Kittitas Valley Event Center. Getting to work directly with 4-H and other extension programs has been a treat and really taken me back to my roots. Just last week I got to witness the 4-H beef kids working on their animals. I have to say I was so impressed with all of them. Amazing, hard-working and determined kids!! Seeing them in these early stages of breaking cattle and putting in the work through this nasty cold spell on top of it truly makes me proud.

I miss those days of 4-H and showing steers at the annual fair. Amazing memories for me back then, and now I get to be a part in making sure our current youth get to create those similar memories. I hope these kids will continue to flourish and grow their appreciation for our awesome industry. The Kittitas County Fair cannot come soon enough!!

I’ve also found myself getting excited when it’s time for a big livestock or horse event on the fairgrounds as well. It’s nice to have agricultural events going on year-round and not just during the fair. We have quite the amazing and diverse community, but the one thing in common is everyone shares the pride and enjoyment in their events being held here. It’s tradition and a lot of them have been here for decades. I’m looking forward to continually meeting people from these groups throughout the course of this year and learning more about each of their events. Ellensburg has quickly and easily become my new home, and I’m looking forward to staying.

I’m writing this currently at the end of National Ag Week and I think it’s been a good one. The Washington Young Farmers and Ranchers held a social media campaign again this year and our reach definitely grew since the year prior. A lot of new and growing participation from upcoming farmers and collegiate YF&R!

The Montana Cattlewomen are hosting this year’s Region 5 Conference with a “Boots on the Ground” theme. In addition to business reports, they will have guest speaker Trina Bradley to give her take on “Living with Wildlife”. You will also not want to miss the field trip to Montana Silversmiths!! The conference is going to be held in Billings at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center on May 3rd and 4th with a welcome social on the night of May 2nd. Registration for the conference is $75 and also includes lunch on Friday and Saturday both and breakfast on Saturday. You can find more information and register for the conference by following the link from the ANCW site and events page.

Big reminder to push young adults to submit their applications for the WA Beef Ambassador Scholarship!! If you need a copy of an application, please email me or visit our website. High School Seniors or College Freshmen and Sophomores are eligible to apply. This is a great program and a great way for youth to get to represent the beef industry!! Applications must be turned in by April 12th to the WCA Office or to my email. Thank you all for spreading the word! We hope to see some amazing applications.

Our next meeting is going to be held on Monday, April 15th at Michaels on the Lake in Moses Lake, WA. Our meeting will start at 11:00AM, when the restaurant opens. We will have our own private meeting room and will be ordering lunch from the restaurant, so hope to see you there for the fun!!

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This past month has been dominated by legislative priorities and trying to find disaster assistance. I hope you are receiving the weekly legislative updates from Mark Streuli, he has done a great job of keeping us up to date with what is happening in Olympia. I have quickly realized that Olympia moves much faster than a Ketch Pen article. By the time you receive the Ketch Pen any update I would provide on details would likely be obsolete. So, please send an email to wacattle@kvalley.com to sign up for the legislative emails.

Sam provided a rundown on the Livestock ID/ brand situation. We continue to work on other bills, supporting rural broad band and rural fire protection for unprotected areas; opposing carbon tax, fuel taxes that have nothing to do with improving roads, etc. The list of bills we oppose is rather long! If you are impressed by the work WCA is doing on your behalf, you can always donate directly to our Legislative Action fund.

I have been serving on Department of Ecology’s Voluntary Clean Water Guidance for Agriculture Implementation group. We are wrapping up tillage practices, that section should be final by summer. The next set of practices DOE decided we would evaluate and write (not BMPs, but BMPs) guidance for are: Riparian Protection (Buffers) and Animal/Forage & Pasture, Rangeland Management. I am afraid this is going to be a tough fight. There are people (even in this group) that believe cattle should NEVER access surface water, cattle are bad for the environment, and that most grazing has a negative impact on water quality.

Recognizing that there are costs beyond death loss and extra feed caused by this weather, I have been working with WSDA Director Sandison to find other potential funding. Director Sandison has been working with the Governor’s office. Because a federal disaster has not been declared some of the options we hear our friends across the country getting to capitalize on we are not able to get opened up for Washington.

If you have and are willing to share with me (I will compile and make anonymous) any details about how much more, per cow, you are spending this year, versus the last 2 years, I would appreciate the information. It is helpful to be able to say cattlemen are facing $xx/ cow more than normal. Please let me know if that figure includes extra feed and/or death loss, so I can be sure to provide apples to apples comparison.

If you have specific research papers, data from your ranch, white papers or documents from other agencies, anything you think would be helpful as I work to preserve your rights on your land, please send to me. Dairy and Feeders both have representatives in this group, they will help us too. Experts, such as Tip Hudson, will be critical to this fight. Do you know other researchers across the country or out of country that have done work on grazing’s impact on water quality or grazing in riparian areas? Please send me a note so I can reach out to them. sryan@wacattle.org. I will probably be asking for your help in evaluating the document as we get along the way, we are going to need input. Lastly, if you are willing to allow a group of people on to your property to see first-hand the positive impact of livestock on rangeland, we will probably need to show them examples.

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Export Market Sizzles in 2018 with Help from the Beef Checkoff

Great news on the beef export front – 2018 beef exports kicked 2017 to the curb in terms of both the value and volume! What does this mean to beef farmers and ranchers? A record-shattering value per head that averaged over $323 of fed slaughter last year according the Beef Checkoff-funded United States Meat Export Federation (USMEF). Beef Exports accounted for 13.5 percent of total US beef production in 2018.

Exports to South Korea, Japan, Taiwan and the ASEAN region fueled the demand for US beef reaching 1.35 million metric tons in 2018, up 7 percent from 2017. The value of these exports also increased to $8.3 billion, a 15 percent increase over 2017. Exports to South Korea led the charge with year over year increases of 30 percent in volume and 43 percent in value. Koreans now consume more beef per capita than any international destination.

US beef exports to Japan increased 7 percent in volume and ten percent in value over the previous year. At $2.8 billion, US beef sales topped $2 billion for the first time since BSE was discovered in a cow in Washington State, halting trade for years.

Your Beef Checkoff investment supports the export initiatives at both the state and national level. In 2018, the national Beef Checkoff invested $7.6 million in the US Meat Export Federation to support beef sales abroad and funding for 2019 is $8.3 million. USMEF carries out market development activities in 92 countries throughout the world. This year, the Beef Checkoff is translating the Rethink the Ranch virtual reality videos of a ranch, the Easterday Feedyard in Washington, and an auction market, into several languages to provide consumers and decision makers in those markets with a realistic view of beef production in the United States.

The top export markets for US beef 2018 were:

- **Japan** ~ 330,217 metric tons, valued at $2,077 million
- **South Korea** ~ 239,676 metric tons valued at $1,747 million
- **Mexico** ~ 239,110 metric tons valued at $1,058 million
- **Hong Kong** ~ 122,832 metric tons valued at $966 million
- **Canada** ~ 114,039 metric tons valued at $745 million
- **Taiwan** ~ 59,694 metric tons valued at $550 million

The Washington State Beef Commission has supported the USMEF’s efforts to win back consumers in Japan for years starting with the “We Care” campaign designed to rebuild trust among this important market in 2004 following the BSE crisis of 2003. For the last five years, the Beef Commission has partnered with the Oregon and Idaho Beef Councils to conduct the Northwest Beef Promotion Initiative in Japan. Our pooled $25,000 investments, when matched by our beef council partners, USMEF and distributors in the Japanese market have resulted in a total promotional investment of $308,520 to promote beef originating from plants in Washington State.

To learn more about the Beef Checkoff’s investment in export marketing or any other Beef Checkoff program funded with your $1.50 investment, contact Patti Brumbach at 206.444.2902 or email her at pbrumbach@wabeef.org. Follow our activities targeting millennial consumers on social media at wabeef.org, Facebook.com/WABeef, Twitter@wabeef, YouTube@WABeef or Instagram@WABeefLove.
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Elk hoof disease detected in southeast Washington

By Kyle Garrison, WDFW Hoof Disease Coordinator

In February 2019, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) announced the detection of treponeme-associated hoof disease (TAHD) in an elk harvested in the Blue Mountains of Washington. Although the disease is present in elk to the south and east in Oregon and Idaho, this is the furthest east detection of TAHD in Washington.

TAHD is a bacterial disease that causes hoof deformities and lameness in elk. It is unknown when TAHD emerged in elk, but observations of limping and lame elk increased dramatically in southwest Washington around 2008. WDFW and its partners have identified TAHD in elk from 15 different Washington counties and have teamed up with Dr. Margaret Wild and Washington State University to research this disease’s causes, transmission, and potential solutions.

Livestock growers may be familiar with a similar treponeme-caused livestock disease called digital dermatitis, also called strawberry foot or hairy heel warts. Digital dermatitis emerged in US dairies in the 1980s and has since spread nationwide. Beef cattle are also susceptible, usually in feedlot settings, but at lower prevalence than seen in dairy cattle.

It is unknown if disease-causing treponemes are transmissible between elk and domestic livestock. Anecdotally, veterinarians have not reported an increase of livestock digital dermatitis since TAHD emerged in elk over 10 years ago. As with livestock digital dermatitis, there is no evidence that TAHD is contagious to humans or that meat from affected animals is unsafe to consume.

WDFW believes TAHD prevalence is low in the Blue Mountains elk herd, and has increased efforts to look for affected elk in southeast Washington. You can help WDFW by reporting any observations of limping or lame elk at WDFW’s hoof disease webpage (link below), where you can also find more information about WDFW’s efforts to understand and manage elk hoof disease. If you have specific questions regarding this issue, please contact me directly.

Respectfully,

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Some spring reminders:
1. Pasture to Pasture cattle movements. With the grass coming on, cattle get moved across state lines. Please remember to get the proper grazing permits, health documents and your brand inspections from state to state.
2. Horses leaving the state. Protect your trip to that fair, show, or trail ride by getting a brand inspection and the proper health documents and testing in advance.
3. Crossing state lines. Remember to check the rules for importing livestock before crossing a state line and call us if you have any questions. Compliance investigators and our Regional Veterinarians will place hold orders on any livestock that come in without the proper health documents, vaccinations and testing. You may also face fines for noncompliance.
4. Emphasis in 2019. The Compliance team will be doing emphasis at various Washington state patrol ports of entry (weigh stations) and livestock events in several regions of the state.

Remember: you must stop at any port of entry when hauling livestock where there are signs requesting you to do so. You will be checked for proper health, brand and hauling documents. Failure to stop at these checkpoints is against the law.

Compliance activities in the past 60 days:

Number of cases worked by our compliance investigators:

Livestock Inspection cases – 20
These included market impounds, interstate and instate brand violations, and green tag violations.

Animal Health cases – 5
These involved horses that came into our state without health documents, cattle that were either imported directly into the state by producers without health documents, or were released into the state by markets without health documents.

These cases resulted in 17 written warnings and 5 citation fines. There are also several Notice of Intent fines being considered for some of the pending animal health cases.

Other Compliance activities:

Making contacts at the Washington State Horse Expo in Clark County.

Assisting local law enforcement on a stolen agricultural trailer.

Coordinating the investigation of a large dispersal of dairy cattle into the state from Oregon and investigating the health records of these animals.

Attended the Western States Livestock Rural Enforcement Association conference in Reno.

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Columbia County Banquet
Pictured from left to right is honoree Roland Schirman and wife Betty, Dick and Karen Rubenser, Don And Janet Howard.
As I write this most of Eastern Washington is still heavily blanketed with a white layer and the passes are still periodically closed. March 20th is the first official day of Spring according to the calendar, I hope it’s evident by seeing as well!

Spring kicks off for WAIC by partnering with the Franklin Farm Fair March 28-29th, hosted by the hard working folks of Franklin Farm bureau under the direction of Ramona Rommereim and Angie Manterola. Their army of volunteers, and various commodity groups and businesses provide a HUGE learning opportunity for 1400+ fifth grade students in two days exposing them to various aspects of agriculture! We are pleased to participate and provide an Ag@School magazine to each student! These types of events are impactful to students as they can see, hear and touch various venues of agriculture in one spot! If you are doing such an event in your area, please let us know so we can assist and/or provide materials.

This is our last season of “production” before back to the think tank in preparation for next school year. Our Spring issue of Ag@School which focuses on stewardship and sustainability, will land in the hands of 10,400 students across Washington in mid April, right before Earth Day April 22nd. As we know, every day is earth day for farmers and ranchers not just one designated day!

I’m hoping by the time you read this our ag literacy project will be up and launched on our website – www.waic.net featuring the book, John Deere, that’s Who!. Please visit our website for details including the volunteer form and classroom activity to accompany the book.

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Joseph L. Parypa

One of the greatest bid callers of all time, Joseph L. Parypa passed away with his family at his side, Feb. 21, 2019, in Tacoma, Wash. He was born May 15, 1955, to Lawrence and Delores (Dodds) Parypa in Raymond, Wash.

Delores moved the family to Centralia, Wash., after the passing of Lawrence in 1963. Shortly thereafter, she married John “Denny” Malnerich and they combined their families and raised them together on the family farm in the Lincoln Creek area. Joe was blessed as a youth with being raised on a farm and was taught many skills, most importantly, hard work from Denny.

Joe graduated from Centralia High School in 1973, and attended Centralia College. In 1974, he met the love of his life, Ellen May. They were married in June of 1977. Anybody who knew Joe heard the phrase many times, “Ellen is the sweetest, most lovely person in the world, not an ounce of malice in her body”. They were married for 41 years and truly were each other’s best friends and greatest support. Together, they raised two children, Katie and Aaron.

Joe loved watching his kids play sports. He was Katie’s biggest and often loudest fan in the gym. Joe would share many fond memories about helping coach Aaron’s youth baseball teams. Family was very important to Joe, he loved spending time with his siblings and their families, clam digging, scuba diving, hunting and fishing. He grew up working for his stepdad, Denny at Midway Meats in Centralia and then drove route truck for Western Farmers delivering dairy supplies. While he worked hard at these jobs, he pursued his true passion, auctioneering.

Joe started auctioneering at the age of 17. He attended Auction School in Billings, Mont., in 1974. He worked as a young man at Twin City Sale in Centralia, Portland Livestock Yards, Chehalis Livestock Market and Cattleman’s Livestock in Yelm. Joe also worked for 25 years at Manheim Auto Auction in Seattle and for James G. Murphy in Kenmore. He also owned and operated Parypa Auction Company for many years.

He was very well known for his sense of humor and age old jokes he told at many benefit auctions in Washington State and beyond. One of his favorite volunteer efforts was to help sell the 4-H and Future Farmers of America livestock market sales for youth at just about every fair that would ask him. Many fundraising efforts were very successful in Lewis County when they were lucky enough to have Joe share his time and talents with them.

In 1985, he formed a partnership with Dave Balmelli and purchased Chehalis Livestock Market. Joe and Ellen were thankful that this partnership was more of a friendship than a business endeavor. Over the last 35 years, they worked together and successfully auctioned livestock and equipment, and conducted many farm and estate auctions around the state. Joe was a stickler for an auction starting on time, customers knew his opening remarks started 10 minutes before start time, no matter what! Until his untimely death, you could see Joe every Friday doing his most favorite thing, selling cattle to customers who over the years had become great friends. He was as honest as the day was long, Joe's customers knew that and there was always a mutual respect for each other. He was recognized as a finalist in many auction contests but was most proud of the title he earned in the 1987 World Reserve Livestock Auction Champion.

Joe’s life became complete when his only grandchild, Sophie was born in 2008. He looked forward to every minute he spent with her. Joe loved watching her sweet personality bloom. He was not only a great auctioneer but also a patient and talented teacher, helping many auctioneers hone their skills. Joe's most favorite student was his son, Aaron. He was very proud Aaron chose to be an auctioneer and continue his legacy. There will never be another Joe Parypa, he was one of a kind! All who knew him became a better person for it.

Joe is survived by his devoted wife, Ellen; loving daughter, Katie Neva (Nick Graham) of Olympia; gentle and kind son, Aaron (Chantell) of Centralia; precious granddaughter, Sophia Neva of Olympia; brothers, John (Debby) Malernich of Sister, Ore., and Bob (Jan) Parypa of Centralia; sisters, Krista Parypa (Larry) Chastain; aunts, Dixie (Bill) Rogerson, Stella Helgen and Dorthy Boyd of Chehalis; longtime business partners, Dave and Brenda Balmelli and their children, Jared and Lauren; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, countless friends and dedicated employees.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lawrence Parypa; and parents, John and Delores Malnerich.

Obituary courtesy of The Daily Chronicle
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Sody-Licious

Wayne Hunt of Ellensburg, was nice enough to gift these two unique old pop bottles to the WCA office. They are printed with “Famous Brands of Kittitas County”. There was no date on the bottle, but Wayne guessed that the bottles would be at least 50 years old, sold by the Sody-Licious Beverage Company of Ellensburg, Washington. Wayne’s father, Jerald Hunt was once an active member of WCA. Thank you, Wayne!

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This delicious ground beef enchilada recipe will have you at the dinner table in less than an hour.

Enchiladas are one of those go-to family meals. They're budget-friendly and only require a handful of ingredients. There's not a lot of prep work (unless you want it!) and the end result is almost always delicious. This recipe is for basic ground beef enchiladas is so easy it's virtually impossible to go wrong.

To save time in the kitchen, we used a mild store-bought enchilada sauce. You can choose a spicier sauce or, if you have the time, make the sauce from scratch ahead of time.

**Ingredients**
- 1 lb lean ground beef or 1 package fully cooked shredded beef
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 cloves garlic crushed
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 2 cans enchilada sauce 10 ounces each mild
- 8 corn tortillas small, 6-7 inches diameter
- 3/4 cup shredded pepper jack cheese
- 1 tbsp chopped cilantro fresh
- Sour cream optional

**Directions**
Preheat oven to 350° F.

In a large nonstick skillet, brown the ground beef, onion and garlic over medium heat for 8-10 minutes or until beef is no longer pink, breaking it up into 1/2-inch crumbles. Pour off drippings. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in 1/2-cup enchilada sauce from one can. Set aside remaining sauce from that can. If using fully cooked shredded beef, stir in 1/2 cup enchilada sauce and follow recipe below.

Pour the second can of sauce into a shallow dish. Dip the tortillas, one at a time, into the sauce to coat both sides. Spoon one-eighth of beef mixture evenly down the center of each tortilla and roll up. Place seam-side down in a 13x9-inch baking dish.

Cover dish with aluminum foil. Bake in 350° F oven for 15 minutes. Remove foil. Spoon reserved enchilada sauce over enchiladas. Sprinkle with the cheese. Continue baking uncovered for 10 minutes or until cheese is melted.

Sprinkle with cilantro. Serve with sour cream if desired.

Lori McCown, Brand Control Specialist
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The 2019 Cattle Industry Convention and NCBA Trade Show in New Orleans provided a platform for western ranchers to address emerging challenges in the federal lands ranching industry and pass policy to guide political action in Washington, D.C. This year, NCBA’s Federal Lands Committee passed policy to address an issue that may prove to be more challenging than the ominous presence of fringe environmental activists – the recreation and outdoor industry.

I am not talking about gates left open from public lands visitors, spooked livestock from gunshots, or scattered litter. These are familiar inconveniences for the western livestock industry, but they rarely threaten the livelihood of an operation. That’s not the case today.

I am talking about the new tone spreading through advertisements and national media by the recreation and outdoor industry. It sways in favor of its own use over others, accusing the livestock community of irreversible damage and an unwarranted presence. It also places importance on the benefits of recreation to the American economy, with no acknowledgement of the stewardship provided by western ranchers and landowners.

Today, their message is blanketing Washington and is in front of decision-makers on both sides of the aisle. In Congress, the outdoor recreation industry has engaged in legislation like the Recreation Not Red Tape Act that was debated in the House Natural Resources Committee just last year. The Republican-supported legislation prioritized recreation by seeking to protect new recreation areas across the nation.

You may remember Patagonia’s dishonest conduct in the Bears Ears National Monument boundary fight last year. Patagonia drummed up support from urban public land lovers to oppose the Trump Administration recommendations to reduce the Utah monument’s 1.35 million-acre boundary. Bold, often over-stated claims about the industry’s impact to local economies dominated public coverage, touting numbers ranging from $300 - $900 billion, and unfairly slamming the livestock industry for degrading the range. As a result, urban populations became engaged in the debate and flooded the federal government with comments in opposition of the reduced boundaries.

As we compare these groups to the likes of the Center for Biological Diversity or the Western Watersheds, they are becoming equally if not more influential with lawmakers. Where they differ is their intentions. The efforts by the outdoor industry fall back to their bottom line. They want to increase recreation to simply increase sales, and they are using an economic and “grassroots” argument to do it.

The right of the outdoor industry’s use of public lands is not up for debate. We are fighting to uphold the true concept of multiple use. This concept does not seek to prioritize one use over another. Instead, ranching must be assured of our place on public land as well. Without us, our public lands will be loved to death and the outdoor industry would not continue to thrive. Landowners, and more specifically ranchers, are maintaining and protecting these lands for generations to come. We need to share this message and take the credit we deserve.

With the new policy passed in New Orleans, NCBA will help lawmakers understand that responsible recreation on federal lands is compatible with livestock management. NCBA will be engaging in this debate to ensure that ranchers are given a rightful seat at the table, and recognition of the critical role livestock grazing plays in federal lands management.
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March 20, 2019  
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