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Hello guys and gals!

In honor of our recent Thanksgiving holiday, this Highline will be devoted to gratitude.

I'm thankful that I live in one of the most beautiful places in the world. I'm thankful for each season and

the changing landscapes that come with them.

I'm thankful for the people I work with. I'm thankful for Dori, who sets a shining example of what it means to serve. I'm thankful for Nathan and for his keeping our herd shod and sound. I'm thankful for Chris, whose random acts of kindness keep my smiling. I'm thankful for Roby who always makes sure my horses are saddled and groomed to perfection for me.

I'm thankful for Nolan, who keeps my belly full and my truck happy and who is just darn nice to have around.



Of course I'm thankful for Jerry and Sue who are never far and are always ready to give a helping hand in any way possible.

I'm thankful that Randy works so hard backstage to keep the ranch running smoothly. I'm thankful that although he can be stern, he can also be silly, and he carries a soft spot for those of us who are working hard to be better. I'm thankful also, that Randy often seems to have a completely different perspective

on things—which can be quite enlightening, especially when it comes to working with horses.

I'm thankful that Shayne has created such a utopia for learning here. I'm thankful that he always gives 110% of himself in his riding and in his teaching, and as such, sets a solid standard which we can all aspire to attain.

Dori and Sue prepared a seafood boil for our Thanksgiving feast. Lobster, clams, shrimp, corn and potatoes...yummmmmmy!



I'm so very thankful for the horses. Each one of them has something different to offer and everything offered is essential to learn. Their patience and steadfastness exceeds the bounds of reason sometimes. They give above and beyond what you ask of them, if you only try to feel of them and are fair in your asking.

Finally, I'm thankful for each and every one of you, our guests. They say you can never really know a thing and understand it fully, unless you are able to teach it to others. Not only do all of you give us your friendship, your laughter and your love—but you also give us the opportunity to grow so much more in our own journey here. It is all of you who make McGinnis Meadows the place that it is.

I hope you all enjoy your week,

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Thanksgiving was a little bit frosty