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Hello Everyone!

We finally got some rain last night! My 5 minute commute over I already saw the grass had grown! Our hay crop this year is marginal, so hopefully the rain will help. We just came in from wishing everyone a "Till next time!" Another great group!



Lynn, who has been with us for two of her 5 weeks this summer so far, gave us this great sign that reads:

"Always remember, you are Braver than you Believe, Stronger than you Seem, and Stronger than you Think."

Many in this group experienced this quote personally by the end of the week. Nancy & Jack from New Jersey almost backed out of this trip realizing how green they are. They even took a day off of riding to rest their aching muscles. Thursday though, we got them out to move cattle

and they were champs!



They told me no one at home would believe what they accomplished. Well here they are moving about 80 head of steers up a mountain face! A couple gals from Germany were with us too (Andrea and Katja) and thrilled at what was done that day.



Ernie, a long-time friend of the ranch, brought his grandson Brennan to the ranch for the first time. Only 11 rides under his belt and he lasted the whole drive.



Ernie brought his filly and had a great time with her in the horsemanship classes held by Shayne.



Here's Catherine from Vegas soaking up all she can to take home with her after three weeks with us.



Still dusty out here! I can barely see Andrea holding the flank position.



Jean, one of our interns from Switzerland, along with Janice from New York, are completely immersed in the horsemanship. I am outside with the cattle all the time so

I work

on anything I can out there. I've enjoyed hearing about what folks are learning. Some down days and some up days, and they keep asking for more. This style is addicting I must say. Des and Shayne are heading to Ellensburg this week to Buck's Clinic. One of the classes is Foundation. She'll take copious notes for us at home!





One lake day this week. Brenda is raising the bar with all you can do on the top of a paddle board! Wow!



Jessie and Lizabeth (right) roped ALL week with Roby, Tristen and Keaton. Jessie and Lizabeth experienced their first head shots on a live steer (using breakaway ropes). This is common; on your 1st catch you are amazed that you actually caught and just sit there. Meanwhile the steer runs off with your rope and by the time you remember to dally, you experience your first rope burn. Nothing serious, and you are actually proud of your 1st rope burn! It's like a rite of passage! Congrats girls!



20 guests coming this week and then we'll be into the Buck Weeks. We have a full schedule of horsemanship and cattle moving (I'll be moving off the McKillop Pasture and moving to our Davis Mountain Pasture). Simple trails, horsemanship on the trail, and the lake on hot afternoons! Have a great weekend!

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