

The Little Butte Creek Ranch Newsletter

The Horning Ranch

November, 2011

Greetings Ranch Gang!



This November 2011 marks our first year as Ranch Caretakers for Chuck Horning at the Horning Ranch on the Little Butte Creek. We have to say we knew this first year would be our learning curve and learn we have. Thank you to Felix the Ranch Manager, all the boys at Eagle Creek, Kristina Horning at Chico Lock-it, Lupe Mendoza from the home office, Chucks Mom Beverly (aka Honey) and son Sean & Landon, we have been initiated with some great help.

This past year we have managed & improved primarily the beautiful natural spring fed aqua-duct that surrounds the edges of the properties and helps keep not only all the meadowlands green but a less threat for fire damage. From spring through summer this is a daily task.

Owen has added remodeling to the upper- ranch house, interior and exterior. It's looking great! The Eagle Creek Club House was quite a project of interior re-model and has the rustic feel conducive to the environment. Chuck's house too has been brought to the natural wood & sealed.



Owen has built miles of new quad roads on the Eagle Creek Ranch. He took me out for Mother's Day and we spent about 5 hours. I now know why they call it the Little Grand Canyon. Beautiful! He was able to bring his trusted hard working friend, Brent into the Gang, and he is now the new Ranch Caretaker for the Chester Ranch. He has done a wonderful job of maintenance, clean up, paint, landscape & water control. Looks like he'll be staying and we are happy to have him.

The garden was quite an undertaking with a 1/4 acre to fill with organics. I have thoroughly enjoyed it. I did hire a part time garden

assistant, Monica and she worked out wonderfully & loved being paid in fresh veggies. The garden produced enough organic veggies to feed about 15 families. I also donated to the Chico Women's Shelter, Catalyst and the Chico center for the homeless, the Jesus Center. I thank Chuck for the wonderful spot, soil & seeds. I also canned, froze & dried enough to get us through the winter months ahead.

Between fallen trees, land slides, clogged springs, dams & ditches the wildlife and general beauty of this canyon has made it all worthwhile. We have seen added to this preserve 12 new baby turkeys, 2 sets of deer twins and 3 new bear cubs.

Everyday we love it more & more and invite you to stop in sometime.



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Thanks! Owen & Theresa

