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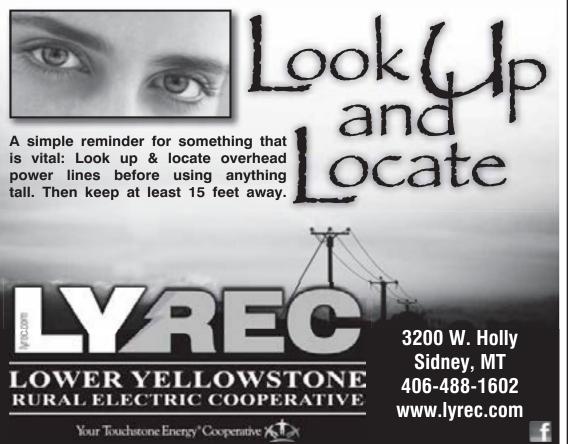


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# Young Mandaree Roper Making History

By Stephanie Ler

Mandaree's Jace Johnson is making strides in his career as a team roper, and hasn't let his young age stop him.

In March, Jace was the youngest winner ever of the National Team Roping Finals in Wickenburg, Arizona, taking home a trophy saddle, belt buckle, and \$100,000, shared with his draw partner, Tyler Jiron. Despite having only three solid years of roping experience, Jace, who was 14 at the time of the Finals, teamed up with Jiron to rope four steers in just 40.53 seconds. Jace competed against more than two hundred teams of seasoned ropers, some even two and three times his age.

Though Jace had just three years practice before his big win, he has had a lifetime of experience on horseback. His parents, Shane and Jaimie Johnson, run Johnson Performance Horses and ranch east of Watford City, and Jace started riding at a young age. His grandfather, Jarrette Johnson, "would pony him through the Badlands when he was just two years old", Shane said. His maternal grandmother, Darlene Baye, was a high school barrel racing champion on the 1950s.

Jace accompanied his parents to the livestock sales ring regularly as a child. "Jace would sit outside the sale barn all day long", his father Shane remembers. Bill Parker, Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame inductee and National Finals Rodeo roper, ran the horse sales at the time, and gave Jace his first rope. At the age of 12, Jace got serious about the sport. "We got up in the morning, had Bible study, his mom would work on his schoolwork with him, and then instead of going to the playground, he went to the barn", Shane said. Jace set his sights on winning in the sport, and would practice every day, spending up to 4 hours a day for each roping. The youngest of eight Johnson children, Jace said he "goes to a roping and he knows everyone, even the announcers. They're like family".

Next up on Jace's schedule is the Bob Feist Invitational in Reno, Nevada, the biggest one-day roping after the NFR itself. The roping is by invitation only, and there is about \$800,000 in cash and prizes at stake. Jace was invited by Mike Beers, 1984 world champion team roper. Beers invited Jace to rope as his partner in the Invitational, after working with him for about three years. Jace will be the youngest ever to participate in the event, at just 15 years old.

Despite his newfound fame and potential for world success, Jace remains humble. "I just go in there, do my best, and see what happens. I stay humble and



let God do the rest", he said. He credits his parents for much of his success, saying "I know that my dad will get me somewhere by pushing me". Jace has his sights set on qualifying for the National Finals Rodeo. and some day winning a world champion title. His mother Jaimie says of his future, "We believe in thinking positive. Jace will be a world champ someday". "He is an excellent rider", father Shane adds.

Above: Jace Johnson and his partner, Tyler Jiron, during their winning event.

Left: Jace poses with his trophy saddle. He also took home a belt buckle and \$100,000 shared with Tyler. Jace was 14 years old at the time of the Finals, making him the Youngest Winner to date.

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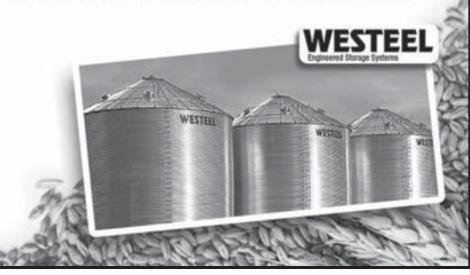
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# Interested In Rejuvenating Your Pastures?

#### Submitted by Katrina A Johnson, District Conservationist, USDA/NRCS

Do you have a pasture(s) that is not performing? This sounds like some of the pasture around our ranch or some old CRP acres that are now in permanent pasture with water. So what do we do? You need to come and hear the great speaker we have coming to the Open The Gate Workshop-Rejuvenating Soils, Pastures, and Profits in Wibaux MT.

Greg and Jan Judy of Clark, Missouri run a grazing operation on 1620 acres of leased/owned land. Greg and Jan went from being nearly bankrupt in 1999 to paying off a 200 acre farm and house in three years with custom grazing on leased land and are completely debt free today. Today they own 4 farms and lease 12 additional farms. Greg is convinced the best way to get a poor pasture that is sod bound, with the lack of diversity, to perform is to employ high density grazing to jump start the soil life into a productive pasture.

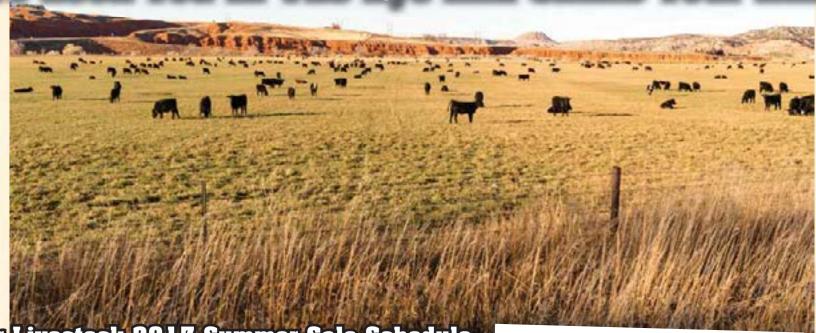
The livestock they use in their planned grazing operation include grass genetic cow/calf, bred heifers, bulls and stockers along with a flock of hair sheep.

Greg wrote a book in 2001, entitled "No Risk Ranching, Custom Grazing on Leased Land", which gives a complete breakdown on the methods they used to build their operation from scratch. In 2008 Greg wrote a second book "Comeback Farms, Rejuvenating Soils, Pastures and Profits with Livestock Grazing Management". Greg's newest book covers the methods they use with Holistic High Density Grazing, multi-species grazing, grass finishing animals, and eliminating costly input.

Greg has given numerous talks and schools all over the United States, New Zealand and Canada teaching the benefits of planned grazing, leasing land and multi-species grazing and custom grazing. The Judy's website is: www. greenpasturefarms.net

Now, do you want to increase soil structure, improve the land and make a profit? Yes, then make sure to mark your calendar because Mr. Greg Judy will be speaking on June 22, 2017 at 1pm at the Wibaux Exhibit Hall and this will include an indoor and outdoor session. For more information and to get a registration form please contact the Wibaux Conservation District or NRCS at 406-796-2211 Ext 3 or the Golden Valley Soil Conservation District or NRCS at 701-872-4551 Ext3.

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JULY 10	WEEK IN THE ROCKIES XXIX	JUNE 19
JULY 31	VIDEO ROYALE XXV	JULY 15
August 21	BIG HORN CLASSIC	August 5
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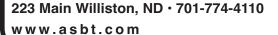
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# **Annual Lower** Yellowstone Wool Pool

#### **By Tim Fine**

There are certain things that happen annually with my job that I really look forward to. One of those things is the delivery, grading, and bagging of wool at the annual wool pool. When I first moved here, I had no experience with this type of event but consider myself very fortunate to take part in it now.

The Lower Yellowstone Wool Pool has been a great asset to area producers for many years. The sole purpose of the pool is to gather wool from area sheep producers in one central location, grade said wool, and then combine that wool with other producers' wool to make a larger shipment. By combining these graded pools of wool together, instead of one person trying to market their product, there is now a greater amount of wool being marketed at one time. This process of combining and grading the wool will increase the amount of product that is marketed at one time, therefore ensuring a more consistent product and an increase in the price paid for said product.

The Lower Yellowstone Wool Pool was formed in the spring of 1987 for this reason. A group of local producers organized to aid in creating greater value for the wool they produce. Since the pool's inception, many tons of wool have been gathered, graded, bagged, and combined with wool from pools across the state of Montana to be marketed.

Our annual wool pool collection will be happening soon. Wednesday, May 10th is the date for this year's collection. If you have sheep and are interested in contributing to the Lower Yellowstone Wool Pool, you are welcome to bring your wool to the collection site, which will be the old commercial building at the Richland County Fairgrounds, beginning at 2:00 pm and lasting until about 5:00. The pool is open to anyone who has wool to sell and there is no fee paid the day of delivery but there are fees for the administration of the pool, grading, handling, and shipping the wool which get deducted at the time your wool is sold to the pool's winning bidder. Even if you do not have sheep but just want to see what it is all about, I would encourage you to come check it out on collection day.

As always, if you have questions about this wool marketing opportunity, you are welcome to contact me by phone at 406-433-1206 or by email at timothy. fine@montana.edu. Or, you are also welcome to contact Wade VanEvery, Lower Yellowstone Wool Pool president.

TRUCKS & PICKUPS 7

▶1951 Chevy Truck w/13' Omaha standard

▶1971 Ford Custom 1-ton dually Truck, 360 engine, 4-speed, 71,000 miles w/12 8ok &

>1991 Dodge dually Pickup, 2-wheel drive, auto, 142,000 miles.

>1978 Chevy Scottsdale 1/2 ton Pickup, 4x4.

1973 Chevy Custom Deluxe 1/2 ton Pickup,

4x4, 4-speed +1973 Ferd F250 Pickep, 2-wheel drive, manual trans., 105,000 miles & 375 gallon Water Tank w/5.5 HP Honda Motor & pump, 125 gallon Fuel Tank w/Tuffill 12v fuel Pump +1959 Ford F250 Pickep, 4-speed (runs)

➤2004 Mercury Mountaineer, V6, all-wheel drive, AWD, 93,000 miles ➤1974 Road Runner 17' Camper/Trailer (nice)

\*10° Bumper-pull Trailer, v. 575 gason Water Tank, (2) Honda 5.5hp motors wipumps (used for spraying and fighting fires ▶18° Enclosed Geoseneck tendem axie

Trailer (set up for spraying)

JD 850 diesel Gator, 4x4, cab, heat, 2,480

►ATV Sprayer ►Firmco 60-gallon Spray Unit w/12v cump

Honda Rubicon, 4x4, power steering.

+(2) Honda 3-wheelers (for parts) +4x8 ATV Trailer

Auctioneer's Note:

It is our privilege that Therese (John's

wife) has commissioned R-K Auction to conduct her sale. John was a wellliked rancher/farmer in the community. He took good care of his equipment and much of the farm machinery was kept inside. There is approximately

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- >4,000 gallon Fuel Tank w/110 gallon pump >250 gallon Fuel Tank w/steel stand

- >350 gallen Water Tank w/stand >720 gallen Poly Water Tank >(2) 125 gallen Pickup Fuel Tanks w/12v pumps
- >250 gallon Water Tank w/stand >(2) Mixing Cones

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- >Wheatheart Post Digger \$5" & 10" Augus >Jensen Pump Jack welectric motor >Napa 2700 PSt Pressure Washer wHonda Gc160 Engine >Electric Power Washer >Craftsman Boor model Drill Press

- >Floor model Bench Grinder >Ferney Arc Welder, Acetylene Welder >Air Floor Jack, Space Heater, Spark Plug Cleaner
- ► Makita cordiess power Tools ► Kohler Engine w pump ► Craftsman 8" Table Saw/Planer

- \*Floor model Tool Chest \*Ladders, Socket Sets, Many Wrenches
- Impact Sockets, M
- >(2) Air Hammers, Air Drills >Hammers, Punches, Chisels, Screw Drivers, Saws
- \*Tap & Die Sets, Pipe Wrenches, Levels, Pipe Clamps

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  +(2) 1957 Gleaner Combines, model A, 14' headers.

  +6"x29 Auger eveloctric motor.

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  +2" Auger eveloctric motor.

  +2" Expansion of the combine of the









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- FJD 6320 MFWD Tractor, 18.4x34 tres. (3) hydraulics. 3pt. PTO, 7.617 hours & JD 640 setf-leveling Frontend Loader w/bucket & grapple ►JD 4640 Tractor, 20.8x38 duals, power shift,
- 3pt, PTO, 6,984 hours

  >Degelman 12 Dozer

  >JD 3020 diesel Tractor, 16.9x34 tirus & weights, power shift, 3pt, dual PTO & F11 Frontend Loader w/bucket, grappie, V-plow & dozer

  >F11 Loader (for parts)

  >Case 2670 4-wheel drive Tractor, 20.8x34

- Figure 20 to 4-wased orive tractor, 20-oct-tres. (4) hydraulics, PTO, 3,000 hours > JD 70 gas Tractor, wide front-end, 3pt, PTO > Buzz Saw made to lit JD A Tractor
- Eversman model 600 Scraper
- ➤ Melroe 22" Toolbar & Rodweeder ➤ Graham Holme 12" Toolbar ➤ Krause 18" Offset Disc, model 1480
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- >18' Pasture Drag >15' Pasture Drag >Farm EZ Manure Spreader
- ►JD 10' Blade
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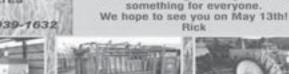
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- >JD #2 Corn Sheller (patent 1919) >Fanning Mill

- > McCormick Deering Burr Mill >(2) Stone Wheels >McCormick Stationary Engine
- >Belt Driven Pump Jacks >Hay Trailer
- >2-man Cross Cut Saw
- ►(3) Buck Saws ►Hay Knife
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#### 2016 John Deere 9520R

520 hp, 18/6 powershift transmission, 2630 GS3 display, SF1 receiver, SF2 AT activation, 4600 processor, ethernet switch, Command View III cab, leather interior, XM satellite, hi-flow hydraulic, five hydraulic remotes, case drain, Firestone tires, premium lighting, tow cable, 210 hours. #22026.



#### (R) 2012 John Deere 9460R

442 engine hp., 18x6 powershift transmission, 5 hydraulic remotes with case drain, 800/70R38 dual tires, 6060 lbs. of tractor weights, deluxe Command View cab. leather seat, electric mirrors, deluxe radio, HID lighting, 7" color touch display, 1940 hours. #22035.

#### (R) 2016 John Deere 9420R

420 hp., 18/6 powershift transmission, 10" color touch display, 4600 processor server, Command View III cab, XM satellite, 13.5L FT 4 engine, hi-flow hydraulic system, five remote cylinder, 1000 independent PTO, Cat. 4 drawbar, 710/70R42 168A8 R1 W duals, 710/70R42D rears, premium lighting, ethernet switch R4, leather trim, RH/LH electric Rem adjustable mirrors, dual beam radar sensor, F/Business band antenna, large fuel water separator, motor seal drain, backup alarm, 5 hydraulic outlets, 865 hours. #22249.

#### 2002 John Deere 9420

420 hp, 24F/6R QuadRange transmission, deluxe cab, active seat, differential lock, dual 800/70R38 tires, 2800# front weights, 4950# rear weights, 4 hydraulic remotes, recent engine work, 5335 hours.

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#### 2008 John Deere 9330

375 hp, powershift, 710/70R42 duals, active seat, 4 remotes. Consignment. #17300.

..\$159,000

#### (R) 1997 John Deere 9300

360 engine hp., 24/6 Quad shift, 4 hydraulic remotes, dual 710/70R38 tires, true ground spead radar, 5710 hours. #21213.

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#### (R) 2012 John Deere 8360R

360 hp. Intel power management, IVT, 60 gpm hydraulic pump, 4 hydraulics, premium CommandView 11 cab, Auto Trac ready, dual beam radar sensor, 1000 PTO, 3-pt., 710/70R42 rear dual tires, ILS front axle with 480/70R34 dual tires, fenders, HID lighting, wheel weights.2225 hours. #14957.

#### (4)... Was \$229,950. NOW \$189,000 CNT/F.O.B. with qualifying down payment or trade equity - o.a.c.

#### (R) 2010 John Deere 8320R

MFWD, 320 engine hp, 260 PTO hp, 16F/4R powershift, 1000 PTO, Cat. III 3 pt. hitch, 5 hydraulic remotes, 85cc (60gpm) hydraulic pump, 118.5" rear axle, 480/80R50 dual rear tires, 420/85R34 front tires with independent front suspension, deluxe cab, cold start package, premium radio, 1400 lbs weights on each rear axle. #21099.

.NOW \$149.500 CNT/F.O.B.

#### (R) 2010 John Deere 8270R

MFWD, 230 hp, 189 PTO hp, IVT transmission, 5 hydraulic remotes, 42.5 gpm hydraulic pump, 118.5" rear axle, 380/90R534 R1W tires, 380/90R54 R1W rear tires, active seat, 2 pair 450# rear weights.

#### . Was \$175,000. NOW \$135,000 CNT/F.O.B. (R) 2013 John Deere 7230R

230 engine hp. 189 PTO hp. IVT transmission, 540/1000 PTO, Cat. III 3 pt hitch, dual rear tires: 520/42 @ 85%, triple link front axle with 420/30 front tires, 85cc hydraulic pump, 5 hydraulic remotes, premium cab. air. heat. AM-FM-Satellite stereo. HID lighting package, electric mirrors, business band antenna, foot throttle, 2465

lbs on each rear axle, cold weather start, JD H480 loader, bucket, 5-tine grapple. 1225 hours. "Rental Return". #17281

#### ..NOW \$168.000 CNT/F.O.B. (R) 2012 John Deere 7230R

MFWD, 230 engine hp, 180 PTO hp, IVT transmission, 380/90R54 dual rear tires, 118.5" rear axle, triple link front suspension, 380/80R38 front tires, Cat. III 3 pt. hitch, 1000 PTO, 4 hydraulic remotes, 63cc hydraulic pump (43 gpm), premium cab with suspension, HID lighting, XM Satellite radio, cold start, 16 front weights, 450 lbs weights on each rear axle, 2115 hours. #21097.

#### (3)......Was \$169,000. NOW \$129,000 CNT/F.O.B. 2012 John Deere 7215R

215 hp, IVT transmission, 43 gpm hydraulic pump, 3 hydraulic remotes, triple link suspension, 420/90R30 front tires with fenders. 620/70R42 rear tires with 1400 lbs. weights, XM satellite radio, HID lighting, cold weather package, H480 loader, bucket, 5-tine grapple fork, joystick control. "Rental Return." #17291.

#### .. Was \$196,000. NOW \$149,000 CNT/F.O.B. (R) 2012 John Deere 7200R

MFWD, 200 engine hp, 165 PTO hp, IVT, 540/1000 PTO, Cat. III 3 pt. hitch, 118.5" rear axle, 480/80R50 dual rear tires, triple link front suspension, 380/80R38 front tires, 63cc hydraulic pump (43 gpm) with 4 hydraulic remotes, premium cab CVII with suspension, 7" color touch display, XM Satellite radio, HID lighting, cold weather start, 12 front weights, 900 lbs weights on rear axle, 1820 hours.

..NOW \$127,500 CNT/F.O.B.

#### 2007 John Deere 7520

MFWD, 125 PTO hp, 20/20 PowrQuad transmission, 540/1000 PTO, 3-point hitch, 3 hydraulic remotes, deluxe cab, air ride seat, New Firestone 480/80R 38 rear tires with 900 lbs. weight, New Firestone 14.9x28 front tires, JD 741 loader, 3-function joystick. #22351



#### (R) 2004 John Deere 7920 MFWD

170 PTO hp, IVT transmmission, triple link front suspension, 540/1000 PTO, 3 pt. hitch, 3 function joystick loader control, 96" rear axle, 520/85R42 single rear wheels, 420/90R30 front tires with fenders, rear weights, deluxe cab with foot throttle, AM/FM radio/ WB/CD, instructional seat, 746 loader, 8-ft. bucket with digging teeth, hood guard, 5-tine grapple, 5440 hours. "Rental Return." #21069

.... Was \$98.000. NOW \$82.000 CNT/F.O.B.

#### 1997 John Deere 7610

MFWD, 120 PTO hp, powershift transmission, 540/1000 PTO, 3-point hitch, 3 hydraulic remotes, 18.4x38 rear tires, 14.9x30 front tires, cab with air and heat, JD 740 loader. #22341.

\$47,500

#### 2013 John Deere 6140D

MFWD, 137 engine hp, 115 PTO hp, 9F/9R power reverser transmission, 540/1000 PTO, Cat. II, 3 point hitch, standard cab, air ride seat, heater, air conditioning, 3 hydraulic remotes, 18.4x38 rear tires with 4 weights per wheel, 14.9x24 front tires, JD H310 loader, 3 function joystick. 625 hours. #22299.

#### 2013 John Deere 6140D

MFWD, 137 engine hp, 115 PTO hp, 9F/9R power reverser transmission, 540/1000 PTO, Cat. II, 3 point hitch, 3 hydraulic remotes, cab with heat and air, air ride seat, 18.4x38 rear tires with 4 weights each, 14.9x24 front tires, JD H380 loader, 3 function joystick. #22345.

#### 2008 John Deere 7130

MFWD, 121 engine hp, 16/16 PowrQuad transmission, cab, air, heat, 540/1000 PTO, 2 rear hydraulic remotes, colder weather package, rear weights with JD 740 loader, bucket, 5-tine grapple fork, 3-function joystick control. #22323.

#### 2013 John Deere 6140M

MFWD, 114 PTO hp, 140 engine hp, 24/4 PowrQuad transmission with left hand reverser, 540/1000 PTO, Cat 3N/2 - 3 pt hitch, 45ccm hydraulic pump, 3 deluxe hydraulic remotes, deluxe cab, air ride seat, mirrors, 460/85R42 rear tires, 420/85R28 front tires with fenders, JD H360 loader, bucket, 5-tine grapple fork. "Rental Return." #21860.



#### (R) 1989 John Deere 4455

MFWD, 142 PTO hp, powershift transmission, cab, air conditioning, heater, 3 hydraulic remotes, 540/1000 PTO, JD 280 loader, bucket, grapple fork, "Major Reconditioning". #15083.

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#### 1981 John Deere 4240

2WD tractor, 110 PTO hp, 540/1000 PTO, 3 point hitch, powershift transmission, cab with air and heat, JD 158 loader, #22327.



#### 2014 John Deere 5115M

MFWD, 100 PTO hp, IT 4 diesel engine, power reverser transmission, 540 PTO, Cat. 2 3-pt. hitch, triple mid & rear hydraulic remotes, deluxe cab with air ride seat, cornerpost exhaust, mirrors, cold start package, JD H260 loader, #17271.

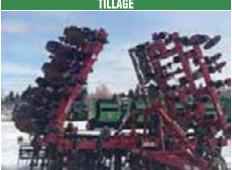
............ Was \$88.500. NOW \$68.500 CNT/F.O.B. Used 2014 John Deere 5115M

MFWD, 100 PTO hp, IT 4 diesel engine, power reverser transmission, 540 PTO, Cat. 2 3-pt. hitch, triple mid & rear hydraulic remotes, deluxe cab with air ride seat, mirrors, corner post exhaust, cold start package, JD H260 loader. "Only 100 Hours". #17272.

#### 2015 John Deere 5055E

FWA, 55 engine hp, 45 PTO hp, 9F/3R transmission, open station, 16.9-28 6PR R1 rear tires, 9.5-24 6PR R1 front tires, dual mid mount hydraulic valves, 10 hours. Factory warranty expires: 3/31/2018 #21398.

.Was \$33,500. NOW \$29,500 CNT/F.O.B.



#### 2014 Salford 1-2141

41-ft. Independent Series cultivator, 3 section, 7.5"spacing, 22"x13 wave on front two - 22"x8 wave on last 3 ranks on 1-5/8" coil shank, 8 bolt 305/70xR22.5 recap truck on main frame 28'-41', Cat IV articulating implement hitch, 31 weights, axle pivot grease bank 3-section.#11219

.... Was \$99,500. NOW 71,500 CNT/F.O.B.



50-ft. vertical tillage, super coulter, ideal for spring tillage, chops residue and slices through layers of soil, promoting root growth and opening soil to allow wet fields to dry. #21697.

. Was \$75,000. NOW \$49,000 CNT/F.O.B.

#### 1996 John Deere 235

21-ft. disk, 3-section folding, 9" spacing. #22036.

(3).. "NEW" Delta S3 36-ft. harrow cart, 5/8"x5" two-way flexible tines. #21834

"NEW" Delta S3

32-ft. harrow cart, 5/8"x5" two-way flexible tines. #21837

"NEW" Delta S3

24-ft. harrow cart, 5/8"x5" two-way flexible tines. #21836.



#### NEW John Deere 6140D

MFWD, 115 PTO hp, 140 engine hp, 24F/12R synchronized transmission, forward/ reverse shuttle, standard cab, air ride seat, 3 hydraulic remotes, 540/1000 PTO, Cat. II 3 point hitch, 18.4x38 rear tires with 8 weights, 14.9x24 front tires. #1042

"Carryover Special"... ... Save \$12.000

#### 2015 John Deere 6140D

MFWD, 115 PTO hp, 140 engine hp, standard cab, air ride seat, 24F/12R synchronized transmission, 3 hydraulic remotes, 540/1000 PTO, Cat. II 3 point hitch, 18.4x38 rear tires with 8 rear weights, 14.9x24 front tires. #1048 . ..

"Carryover Special". .. Save \$12,000

2015 John Deere 3046R

MFWD, 37 PTO hp, 45 engine hp, E-Hydro transmission, deluxe cab, air ride seat, A/C, 540 rear PTO, 540 mid PTO, Cat. I 3 point hitch, rear hydraulic remote, 43x16-20 rear industrial tire, 27x8.5-15 front industrial tire, H165 loader. #8897.

2015 John Deere 3038E

MFWD, 30 PTO hp, 37 engine hp, hydrostatic transmission, 540 PTO. Cat. I 3 point hitch. 15-19.5 industrial tread rear tires. 25x8.50 industrial tread front tires, D160 loader. #8880

(2) "Carryover Special" ..... 2015 John Deere 1025R

MFWD, 18 PTO hp, 24 engine hp, hydro transmission, 540 PTO, Cat I. 3 point, H120 loader, 260 backhoe, 26x12 rear tires, 18x8.5 front

(2) "Carryover Special". Save \$4000

#### SPRAYERS

#### 2015 John Deere R4038 Sprayer

radio, 9.0L T ier 4 engine, 380/90R46 tires, SS eductor, front fill, 120-ft. booms, 20" nozzle with fence row end nozzles, auto boom level, wheel slip control, boom air purge, HID field lighting, radar. #21471



self-propelled, 3000 receiver, SF1 activation, JD section control, radio. 9.0L tier 4 engine. 420/80R46. SS eductor. 120-ft. booms. 15" nozzles, wheel slip control, boom air purge, Xenon HID field lighting. #17485.

. Was \$335.000. NOW \$294.500/F.O.B. 2014 John Deere 4940

340 hp, AWD, hydrostatic transmission, 120-ft. booms, 1200 gallon stainless steel tank, hydraulic tread adjust, 480/80R50 tires. BoomTrac Pro-5 leveling, hydraulic boom fold, SF1 activation, HID light package, independent suspension, chemical eductor, fence row nozzles, 1085 hours. #21981

(3)...

#### 2013 John Deere 4940

self-propelled, 480/80R50 tires, solution pump, SS eductor delivery system, 120-ft . booms, Boom Trac auto level system, wheel slip control, xenon HID field lights, radar speed sensor, row crop fenders. #21318

.. Was \$268,000. NOW \$216,750 CNT/F.O.B. 2012 John Deere 4940

120-ft., traction control, 20" nozzle spacing, halogen field lights, SS plumbing, row crop fenders, high flow solution pump, traction control, 380/105R50 tires, fence row nozzle right hand, stainless steel, eductor system, fence row nozzle left hand. #21498



#### 2011 John Deere 4930

self-propelled, 480/80R 50 tires less load command, less SS eductor delivery, 120-ft. booms, less foam marker, wheel slip control, deluxe cab Greenstar-AutoTrac belly shield, Xenon HID field lighting, boom section strainers, row crop fenders(4), wheel motor shields, engine starting aid, engine block heater, receiver, 2630 display, AutoTrac activation, section control, sprayer remote.

#### (R) 2011 John Deere 4930

325 hp, 120-ft. booms, 1200 gallon stainless steel tank, deluxe cab, GreenStar Auto Trac ready, 1930 hours. #21319

... Was \$220.000. NOW \$160.000 CNT/F.O.B.

#### (R) 2005 John Deere 4920

120-ft., stainless tank, guidance ready, traction control, 15" nozzle spacing, high flow solution pump, 480/80R50 tires, Auto Trac ready, Xenon HID field lighting, boom return to height, fence row nozzles, strainers, full boom breakaway, radar speed sensor, row crop fenders (4), wheel slip control, 3320 hours. #21600.

... Was \$112,500. NOW \$97,000 CNT/F.O.B. 2015 Case IH Patriot 4440

120-ft., AIM PRO, PRO 700, AFS Accurate, active suspension. hydrostatic transmission, infinite variable speed, full time 4WD, 650/65R38 flotation tires with fenders, 1200 gallon tank, front fill.



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Over 90 local residents traveled to a hearing in Great Falls on April 5 regarding the LYIP Diversion Project. Lawyers from the Corp of Engineers, Bureau of Reclaimation and LYIP filed motions of dissolution pertaining to the injunction placed on the fish bypass diversion project at the Intake Dam.

# **Preliminary Injunction Dissolved**

#### By Dianne Swanson

In a crucial victory for the farmers and communities along the Yellowstone River, the preliminary injunction halting the construction of the concrete weir and fish bypass at Intake has been dissolved by U.S. District Court Judge Brian Morris.

Citing resolution of the concerns that led to the injunction, as well as precedent set by other projects, the judge granted the defendants' (Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project and Federal agencies) motion for partial dismissal and to dissolve the preliminary injunction.

With cooperation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the funding is in place. They anticipate that construction will start 60-90 days following the pre-construction meeting with the contractor. Construction will begin in the middle of the island without disturbing the river until after this year's migration of the pallid sturgeon.

The pallid sturgeon was placed on the endangered species act in 1990. After spawning, the larvae drift for 152 to 329 miles while developing. The purpose of the new fish bypass is to provide a route around the concrete weir, allowing for enough drift. The FWS identified in its Biological Opinion that "successful passage above the dam would cause a population response conducive to recovery." The current design of the bypass channel includes a review of information on the swimming ability of the pallid sturgeon, performance of other fish bypass channels, potential causes for bypass failures, and use of side channels for upstream movement. "Passage will increase the potential for recruitment and thus recovery." The 2016 ROD deduces that the project "may increase the chances of natural recruitment and contribute to meeting recovery goals as defined in the Pallid Sturgeon Recovery Plan." Teleme-

tering has shown that the pallid sturgeon explore around the dam "and move both downstream and back upstream indicating they may be searching for a passageway around the dam."

Federal defendants also studied other fish bypass channels including the Glen – Colusa constructed gradient facility (riffle) on the Sacramento River, which was built for passage of the green sturgeon. A three year monitoring study demonstrated that 12-50% of the tagged fish successfully migrated upstream past the riffle. Federal defendants contend that this number reflects a conservative estimate since the study was conducted at the end, or after, spawning season.

The Federal defendants also analyzed the Muggli Bypass Channel on the Tongue River in Montana, which was built by private people who could not afford to build it to biologist engineers fish bypass specifications. It was built far too steep by non-professionals. Although the Federal agencies state that it failed to pass the shovelnose sturgeon, Mr. Muggli says it does pass a lot of sturgeon.

The Court recognized that NEPA is not a crystal ball and does not require the Federal Defendants to make a quantitative assessment of each alternative's probability of success when Federal Defendants lack data to make those assessments. "Federal Defendants' analysis of pallid sturgeon behavior when approaching the dam, analysis of other fish passages, and careful study of pallid sturgeon swim patterns in flumes and the highwater side channel, satisfy the Court that the Federal Defendants have attempted to provide the best available information. The Court lacked the authority to require anything more in its preliminary injunction order."

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#### 2011 Apache AS1220

self-propelled, 100- ft. booms, poly tank, 20" nozzle spacing, Raven Viper pro auto rate, boom height and section control, AutoTrac.

. Was \$170,000. NOW \$126,000 CNT/F.O.B. **NEW Summers Ultimate** 

110-ft., 1650 gallon, chemical clean load system, nozzle bodies only, crossover plumbing package, hitch piece backstop, single electric end nozzle, 3 sensor UC5 Norac, New warranty remains. #10016.

. WAS \$70.000. NOW \$57.500

#### 2007 Case IH SRX-160

90-ft. suspended boom, auto boom height control, dual nozzle body, 1600 gallon tank. #21162.

.NOW \$25,500 CNT

#### 2001 Spray-Air 3200

88-ft. pull type, 800 gallon tank, 20" nozzle spacing, chemical eductor. #21972.

#### SPRAYER TIRES

#### VF 420/95 R50

dual tires & hubs for R4045 sprayer, 98% tread. #22240.

tires & rims, came off John Deere 4930. #22195.

6600 gallon, 3" pump. Consignment.

(1).. **Enclosed trailer** 

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hay on the market. Cleaner hay brings higher returns and provides the highest quality feed to ensure animals receive proper nutrients. Research

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traditional finger wheel and rotary rakes. Twinstar Generation 3 Hay Rakes are designed for functionality and logevity in today's demanding

markets. Twinstar 7-Bar Rakes are available in 27' & 30' approximate raking widths for windrowers equipped with 12' to 18' headers. Inovative Design • Built To Last

3-1650 tanks, transfer pump, never been used. Consignment.

fertilizer spreader, UHMW and stainless steel reduces corrosion issues and extends the life of the spreader. UHW Bearing Back keeps bearings clean, giving longer bearing life and fewer failures, Proprietary MagnaSpread system delivers a wider, flatter, more consistent pattern. Dual Rack and Pinion gate prevents jams. Overhead Spinner Motors are ABOVE the chemical resulting in extended motor life, Pull with a tractor - no need to maintain a dedicated chassis and power train, Variable rate technology or straight rate control, UHMW Comb Cover prevents streakking in the field, BBi Spreaders are "Option Rich" and can be customized to your specific application, Flotation tires and wide swath minimize compaction.

#### 'NEW" New Leader L3030G4

high capacity fertilizer spreader with 300 cu. ft. stainless steel hopper able to hold up to 10 ton of product. Spreads fertilizer at rates as low as 50 lbs./acre to 1100 lbs/acre at a width of 105-ft.

. Was \$66,000. NOW \$46,000 CNT/F.O.B.

#### 2013 New Leader L3030G4

high capacity fertilizer spreader with 300 cu. ft. hopper able to hold up to 10 ton of product. Spreads fertilizer @ rates as low as 50 lbs.I acre to 1100 lbs.I acre. Patented G4 variable rate broadcaster, TR1000 trailer, #11139.

.. Was \$95.000. NOW \$64.500 CNT/F.O.B.

#### "NEW" New Leader T1000

adjustable axle trailer, up to 10 ton capacity, @ 20 mph, works in conjunction with new or used New Leader applicators/spreader boxes built for John Deere 4900 Series sprayer chassis. #11141

70' - p2060 air hoe drill, 12" spacing, 5.90x15 rubber packers, hi-floatation tire pkg, disk levelers, double shoot, basic blockage system, stealth bodies 4" goose shooter tips

#### 2013 New Holland p1070

air cart, 580 bushel, tow-behind, 900/60r32 front tires, dual 18.4x38 rear tires, deluxe loading auger, large color touch screen monitor, field light package, transport lights w/beacon, rear folding ladder, rear hitch

2013 Pattison

#### liquid fertilizer trailer & tank setup.

\$\$\$\$ future trade-in \$\$\$\$.

#### 2015 John Deere 1835 SFP

41-ft., 4x22" steel press wheels, smooth gauge wheel, 33x15.5 and 31x13.5, electric depth control, transport lowering, rock guards, single shoot, 33-15.5-16.5 flotation tires, 1" tip with roll pin knife, 2015 JD 1910-430 bu. tow between, 3 tank, 4 run stat double shoot, regular meter roller, auger hopper screen, Seed Star cart, 4 WD, power beyond standard. #21881.

\$183,500

#### 2014 John Deere 1835

60-ft., 10" spacing, 4" steel press wheels, 1" carbide tip openers, single placement fertilizer openers, primary blockage, JD 1910-550, 550 bushel 3-tank air cart. 3 season of USE less than 20,000 acres.



#### 2014 John Deere 1835

50-ft., 10" spacing, 1" opener, 4"x22" steel packer with rock guards, SPF (single placement fertilizer opener). #21335

.. Was \$207,500. NOW \$178,000 CNT/F.O.B.

#### 2010 John Deere 1835-1910

41-ft. air hoe drill, 10" spacing, single shoot, 3x21 semi-pneumatic press wheels, smooth gauge wheels, primary hoses blockage warning system, dual main & wing caster wheels, 12.5L 15, single shoot seed & separate fertilizer, dual fertilizer delivery tube, mechanical depth control with hydraulic down pressure with 1910 cart. #21441.

. Was \$125,000. NOW \$90,000 CNT/F.O.B. 2007 John Deere 1835

50-ft., 12.5" spacing, single shoot, all run blockage, opener on rear three tanks & separate FTL disk, cast fertilizer closing wheel, narrow gauge wheel, 5.5x21" semi-pneumatic press wheels, anhydrous fertilizer delivery tube, dual main & wing caster wheels, 12.5L 15,

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mechanical depth control with hydraulic down-pressure with 1910

#### 2007 John Deere 1835

12" spacing, 550 lb. trips, 5.5"x21" semi-pneumatic press wheels with rock guards and mud scrapers, all run seed blockage monitor, separate fertilizer placement banders, 1910 air seeder, 8" load upload auger, 6 run double shoot system with variable seed and fertilizer rate, open lid tank indicator. #22361.

#### 2010 John Deere 1830

61-ft., 10"spacing, heavy duty trips, 4" solid press wheels, 2010 JD 1910-350, 350 bushel tow behind cart, 28Lx26 cane & rice tires, Pattison TB2150, 2580 gallon liquid fertilizer tank. #21740.

#### 2015 John Deere 1830

51-ft., 10" spacing, single shoot, 3"x21" semi pneumatic press wheels, dual main and wing caster wheels, mechanical depth control, JD 1910-350 tow between air cart, primary hoses blockage

#### 2002 John Deere 1820

53-ft., 10" spacing, double shoot, 550# openers on four ranks, 5.5x21" semi pneumatic press wheels, dual caster wheels on wings, double shoot air package for tow between cart, primary hoses blockage warning system with 1900 cart. #22346.

#### 2004 Bourgault 5710

35-ft. with 3225 cart, 10" spacing, single shoot. #22054.



#### 2006 Flexi-Coil 5500

70-ft. air hoe drill, 10" spacing, 550# trips, 1 "x2" C shanks, flotation tires, double shoot air system, primary optical blockage on seed run, 3.5" steel packer wheels, Dutch low draft paired row carbide tips with 2002 Flexi-Coil 2340 tow behind variable rate meter drive, dual fan, 8" auger with air seeder hopper with 2007 NH SC430 leading cart, 430 bushel 3 compartment, variable rate drive metering system, 10-ft. auger, 18.4x28 R1 duals, dual fan. #15492

(1)......Was \$99,000. NOW "Make us an offer" CNT/F.O.B. Concord 4012

40-ft., 12" spacing, single shoot with 2400 air cart. #21686

..\$12.500

60' spreader boom

fits Flexi-Coil tank. Consignment.



#### 2013 John Deere 1895

43-ft., separate fertilizer placement (SFP), smooth gauge wheels, cast fertilizer closing wheel, all run blockage, single shoot anhydrous delivery tube, 1910-550 tow behind air cart. #21514.

**2013 John Deere 1895/1910** 43-ft. air disc drill, double shoot, smooth gauge wheel, all run blockage, cast fertilizer closing wheel. double shoot air package for tow behind cart, dual fertilizer delivery tube with 1910 430 bushel cart. #21423.

#### ..... Was \$204,000. NOW \$185,000 CNT/F.O.B. 2005 John Deere 1895

30-ft., 10" spacing, double shoot, extended wear seed boot, dry fertilizer delivery tube, narrow gauge wheel, cast fertilizer closing wheel, double shoot air package for tow behind cart, primary hose blockage warning system for seed & fertilizer, John Deere tow behind 1910 340 bushel tank. #22049.

(4)..

#### 2004 John Deere 1895

40-ft., separate fertilizer placement (SFP), 10" spacing, extended wear seed boots, dry fertilizer, steel gauge wheel, 1910- 430 tow behind air cart, 6-run double shoot, 8" load-unload auger, variable rate seed & fertilizer delivery. #21076.

#### 2004 John Deere 1895/1910

43-ft., 10" spacing, double shoot, smooth gauge wheels, extended wear seed boot, tow behind cart, dry fertilizer delivery tube, primary hose blockage warning system, cast fertilizer closing wheel.

.. Was \$141,000. NOW \$97,500 CNT/F.O.B. 2016 John Deere 1890

60-ft., 10" spacing, 8 run single shoot system, all run blockage with 1910 550 bushel tow-behind cart. #21857.



#### 2013 John Deere 1890

single shoot, 7.5" spacing, 90 degree openers with extended wear seed boots and smooth side gauge wheel, all running seed blockage monitor, 31x13.5-15 tires. John Deere 1910-270 bushel tow

between air cart, two tank powered calibration system, variable seed & fertilizer rate control, 8" load and unload auger with cupped steel flighting & telescoping down spout, "only 5200 acres". #21660

#### 2012 John Deere 1890/1910

60-ft., 10" spacing, single shoot, all run blockage. #21869.

#### (R) 2011 John Deere 1890 - Reconditioned

60-ft., 8 run single shoot, 7.5" spacing, primary blockage with 1910, 350 bushel tow behind cart, powered calibration, cane & rice tires, dual wheel caster beam, 10" auger, variable rate, reconditioned. #15455.

#### 2011 John Deere 1890

42-ft., single shoot air package, 7.5" spacing, 6-run double shoot, dual 31x13.5-15 hi flotation tires with 1910, 350 bushel tow between cart. #22241.

#### "Factory Updated" 2013 Bourgault 3710

"Drill updated to a Bourgault 3720 no-till disc drill", 60-ft., 10" spacing, updated disc openers and mid row banders, 4.5" packer wheel, 591 monitor, blockage monitor, 6700ST tow behind 700 bushel, 4-tank metering package, dual fan, bag lift system, 650/75R34 tires. #15468.

.. Was \$295,000. NOW \$222,000 CNT/F.O.B.

#### **2012 Bourgault 3710**

60-ft., 10" spacing, low dist. scraper, 2012 Bourgault L6550ST air seeder tank, double shoot, 10" deluxe unloading auger, MRBS, 4 tank metering, steel augers, 58'6" to 60'5" sprockets. #21061.

#### "Factory Updated" 2011 Bourgault 3710

independent coulter disc drill, 10" spacing, mid-row banders, 4.5" semi-pneumatic packer wheels, narrow 3" cleaner wheel, double shoot, Bourgault 6550 tow behind 4-tank air cart. #21865.

#### 2009 Bourgault 3710

60-ft., "No-Till" independent coulter disc, 10" spacing, mid-row banders, 4.5" semi-pneumatic packer wheels, narrow 3" cleaner wheel, double shoot, Bourgault 6550 tow behind 4-tank car.

.. Was \$210,000. NOW \$141,000 CNT/F.O.B.

# **CONVENTIONAL DRILLS**

#### John Deere 9450

30-ft. drills, 7" spacing, Acra points, fertilizer box, transport.

#### 1993 John Deere 7300

corn planter, 30" spacing, 6 row. #16005270

.\$12.500



#### **NEW John Deere 850i**

green & yellow sport, 14" Bighorn tires, sport seat, Fox 2.0 Performance, Prerunner bumper, "Power Steering". #8674.

(1)......Was \$19,650. NOW \$13,000 CNT/F.O.B.

#### (R) 2012 John Deere RSX850i

green sport gator, 14" Maxxis Bighorn tires, bucket sport seat, sports package, 426 hour, 2985 miles. #16669

.......... Was \$12,500. NOW \$10,000 CNT/F.O.B.

green & yellow, 14" Bighorn tires, bench seat, deluxe cargo box, poly roof, power lift brush guard rear protection. #21619.

#### 2012 John Deere 825i

power steering, Ancla XT 12" tires, standard high back, deluxe cargo box. #21451.

#### 2011 John Deere 825i

green & yellow, deluxe cab, cab heater, 12" Ancla tires, deluxe cargo box, rear OPS screen. #22239.

#### 2010 John Deere 825i

gas XUV, green & vellow, 12" tires, hi-performance sport SE, deluxe cargo box, power & protection package. #21833.

#### 2005 John Deere 717A

48" deck with bagger & blower. #22048.

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### **Your Boots On The Hill:**

# 2017 Recap: New Laws On The Books For Montana, Farewell To Dead Bills

#### By Chelcie Cargill and Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

We have about a dozen bills still pending in the final week of Montana's 65th Legislative Session, but as we review each piece of legislation Montana Farm Bureau members directed our lobbying team on, we'd say this session has been a win for Montana agriculture. This is certainly not an exhaustive list of 67 bills we worked on this session, but it is an overview of each one we tracked in this column over the past four months.

Each of the following eight bills that became law this session was supported by Montana Farm Bureau members. Thanks to the lawmakers who supported these pieces of legislation.

LAW: House Bill 48, Clarify definition of water right change

Sponsored by Rep. Bob Brown (R) HD-13, Thompson Falls.

A "change in appropriation right" does not include a change in water use related to the method of irrigation. This law will allow irrigators to comply with the law when changing from flood to pivot irrigation without going through the complex, time-consuming and bureaucratic change process.

LAW: House Bill 49, Clarify process for updating water right transfers

Sponsored by Rep. Bob Brown (R) HD-13, Thompson Falls.

When a water right is transferred as a part of a realty transaction, the ownership transfer is subject to a DNRC fee and Department of Revenue filing. This law will establish an opportunity for the water user to provide the appropriate paperwork directly to the DNRC to avoid a paperwork pileup.

LAW: House Bill 124, Require education program for water commissioners Sponsored by Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D) HD-42, Crow Agency.

When appointed, water commissioners serve an important role in refereeing and divvying out water in their basin. This law requires appointed water commissioners to complete one educational program through the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) prior to administering water. The DNRC training is already established, and this will be a valuable training for commissioners.

LAW: House Bill 286, Allow livestock loss reimbursement for mountain lion predation Sponsored by Rep. Ray Shaw, (R)HD 71, Sheridan.

Mountain lion predation is now on the list of eligible reimbursements through the Livestock Loss Board.

LAW: House Bill 256, Revise legal fence laws

Sponsored by Rep. Casey Knudsen (R) HD 33, Malta.

This law adds criteria to the definition of what constitutes a legal electric fence. The law notes that an electric fence must consist of three tightly-stretched strands of at least 12.5 gauge, high-tensile steel or its equivalent; posts are required to be not more than an average of 50 feet apart over the span of the fence; charged with a standard charger with an output of at least one-half joule and with sufficient energy for the entirety of the fence; regularly maintained by the fence owner.

LAW: Senate Bill 157, Extend milk regulations to hoofed mammals

Sponsored by Sen. Jill Cohenour (D) SD 54, East Helena.

Department of Livestock regulations now include milk produced by any hooved animal. This was needed for public health reasons to clarify that the Department of Livestock does have the authority to inspect and certify both the dairy and cheese making facilities and the products themselves, regardless of the species that produced the milk.

LAW: House Bill 305, Revising laws related to county bounties on predators Sponsored by Rep. Bill Harris (R) HD 37, Winnett.

Montana law allows for the establishment of a local livestock petition if 51 percent of livestock owners in a county request their county commissioners to implement. This is a self-imposed tax that generates money that stays in the county for predator control. This law allows county commissioners the authority to use that money to set a bounty on predators killed within the county.

LAW: House Bill 342, Revise business laws related to liability and agritourism Sponsored by Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R) HD-17, Fairfield.

This law adds a definition of agri-tourism to the list of Montana recreational activities in which participants assume the liability for the inherent risks of those activities. While this law doesn't remove all liability, it does limit the liability farmers and ranchers might be exposed to based on the inherent risks of participating in a farming or ranching activity. This bill would

offer a little more peace of mind to farmers and ranchers who want to "open the barn doors" to tours, activities, ranch visits and more.

NO PARTING TEARS HERE

It's often been said the best offense is a good defense, and that's certainly accurate on the death of bad bills. In this list, the first seven bills were topics our members directed us to fight to prevent potentially harmful legislation from getting on the books.

DEAD: House Bill 243, Prohibit outfitting on state lands inaccessible to public access. Sponsored by Rep. Tom Jacobson (D) HD 21 / Great Falls. Tabled in House Fish, Wildlife & Parks Committee. This bill would have prohibited the Department of Natural Resources from issuing special use permits to outfitters on isolated state sections. It also would have made it illegal for a landowner who surrounds such a section to allow an outfitter to cross their private property to access that state section, unless they allow the general public to cross their property too. Montana Farm Bureau member policy strongly opposed this bill due to its blatant disregard for private property rights.

DEAD: House Bill 319, Provide process for designating roads as public

Sponsored by Rep. Jeff Essmann, (R) HD-54, Billings. Tabled in House Local Government Committee.

House Bill 319 would have allowed as few as 10 landowners in a county to petition their county commissioners to designate an unidentified road in their county as a public road. The bill then establishes a process of notification and public hearings to determine if the road is public or private. If they received no evidence of it being a private road, they could automatically assume the road is public. Montana Farm Bureau members' policy opposed this bill. While this bill was intended to apply only to subdivisions, it was written too broadly and would have required many amendments in order to address MFBF's concerns.

DEAD: House Bill 419, Revise requirements for sale or transfer of wild bison.

Sponsored by Rep. Willis Curdy (D) HD 98, Missoula. Tabled in House Agriculture Committee.

House Bill 419 sought to remove the requirement that bison coming out of Yellowstone National Park and the Designated Surveillance Area (DSA) be certified brucellosis free before they can be sold or transferred to another entity. This bill would allow the moving and transfer of Yellowstone National Park bison before they are declared brucellosis free. Montana Farm Bureau members strongly opposed this bill.

DEAD: Senate Bill 203, Revise laws related to boarding animals

Sponsored by Sen. Nels Swandal (R) SD 30, Wilsall. Missed deadline for general bill transmittal.

Senate Bill 203 would have allowed animals to be seized by law enforcement when an accusation of animal cruelty is made. It required the owner of the seized animals to post a renewable 30-day bond to pay for the care of the animals or the ownership of the animals would have been forfeited to the county, even before a guilty verdict is reached.

DEAD: House Bill 432, Clarify water right not abandoned is conveyance disrupted.

Sponsored by Rep. Brad Hamlett (D) HD 23, Cascade. Tabled in Senate Natural Resources Committee.

This bill would have established that a disruption of a means of conveyance is not intent to abandon a water right. A water right must not be used for 10 consecutive years in order to prove abandonment. HB 432 removes that requirement which makes it extremely difficult to ever properly establish abandonment. The current laws of abandonment sufficiently cover this issue.

DEAD: Senate Bill 247, Prohibiting the outdoor use of neonicotinoid insecticides

Sponsored by Sen. Mike Phillips (D) SD 31, Bozeman. Missed deadline for general bill transmittal.

Senate Bill 247 proposed to ban the use of a class of insecticides known as neonicotinoids (neonics) in Montana. Neonics are common and very effective when used to treat seeds. Spring wheat, canola and field peas commonly rely on the use of neonics to control harmful insects.

DEAD: Senate Bill 262, An act prohibiting the restriction of public access on certain roads or rights of way used by the public.

Sponsored by Sen. Eddie McClafferty (D) SD 38, Butte. Tabled in Senate Highways and Transportation Committee.

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Senate Bill 262 was a repeat of a bill that was killed in committee during the last session, and thankfully, it met a similar ending this session. This bill would allow any non-designated road or right-of-way that is used by the public and "appears" to meet the conditions of a prescriptive easement or public road to automatically be considered open to the public. It would have shifted the "burden of proof" from the person wishing to use the road on to the person who actually owned the road, essentially requiring the road owner to prove that something they already own is, in fact theirs and not the public's.

#### NOT IN THE CARDS THIS YEAR

These were bills that would have been good for Montana agriculture, but for a myriad of reasons didn't make it through this year. Most came down to the almighty dollar, others will require lawmakers and their constituents to put on their thinking caps over the next two years to find even better solutions to the issues these were meant to address.

DEAD: House Bill 96, Revise free elk license/permit for landowner providing free public elk hunting.

Sponsored by Rep. Zach Brown (D) HD-63, Bozeman. Failed vote on the House floor. This bill would have provided free elk licenses to landowners who allow public hunting. DEAD: House Bill 204, Generally revise laws related to maintenance of fishing access

Sponsored by Rep. Alan Redfield (R) HD 59, Livingston. Tabled in House Fish, Wildlife & Parks Committee.

This bill would have required all water "vessels" in Montana to purchase a fishing ac-

cess site maintenance decal for \$25. \$10 of the fee would have gone toward noxious weed control and \$5 toward the prevention of aquatic invasive species, with the balance paying toward fishing access site management.

DEAD: Senate Bill 327, Reduce the Montana business equipment tax

Sponsored by Sen. Roger Webb (R) SD-23, Billings. Missed deadline for revenue bill transmittal.

This bill would have increase the class eight business equipment tax exemption levels. Currently, the first \$100,000 of market value class eight property of a person or business entity is exempt from taxation. This bill would have amended that to \$350,000, while providing for a reimbursement to local governments for the missed tax dollars.

DEAD: Senate Bill 334, Allow permanent registration of heavy trucks, truck-tractors Sponsored by Sen. Eric Moore (R) SD-19, Miles City. Tabled in Senate Highways and Transportation.

This bill would have allowed for the permanent registration of heavy trucks that are 11 years or older, with a registered gross vehicle weight of less than 55,000 pounds and a manufacturer's rated capacity of more than one ton.

DEAD: House Bill 631, Provide student loan forgiveness for beginning farmers Sponsored by Rep. Zach Brown (D) HD 63, Bozeman. Motion failed on Senate floor.

House Bill 631 would have allowed the Grow Through Agriculture (GTA) Development Council to initially direct \$50,000 toward helping young and beginning farmers and ranchers pay off student loan debt.



# MSU Students Train Wild Mustangs For Montana Nonprofit That Helps Veterans

By Jessianne Wright for MSU News Service

BOZEMAN -- Nine wild mustangs stepped foot onto Montana State University's Agricultural Research and Teaching Farm on Jan. 3. They came to MSU virtually untouched, hailing from Bureau of Land Management facilities in Burns, Oregon, then were adopted by the Montana nonprofit, Heroes and Horses, to ultimately be used for therapeutic mountain pack trips with combat veterans.

Heroes and Horses is a program that uses horses and the remote wilderness to challenge and inspire combat veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. The veterans learn horsemanship skills and wilderness survival, then embark on progressive, multi-day horse pack trips in order to overcome their difficulties and replace devastating memories with positive ones.

A handful of MSU students, with the help of local trainers and volunteers, assisted in gentling and training the adopted wild horses over the course of nearly 90 days as the first step in helping these horses transition into a life of mountain adventure. The horses, gelded males ranging from 2 to 6 years old, left MSU on March 28, headed to Arizona to begin the second phase of their training.

"The horses trained by MSU students, faculty and staff will ultimately serve as tools to teach military veterans new skills to start a post-military life," said Dr. Shannon Moreaux, DVM and an associate professor of equine science in MSU's Department of Animal and Range Sciences in the College of Agriculture.

"By using BLM feral horses for this service learning project, we are also providing a far-reaching service," Moreaux said. "The horses will be uniquely repurposed and will have a better life than living in a long-term holding facility; we will have provided a significant amount of publicity for the BLM Wild Horse adoption program. And, ultimately, we save taxpayer money while helping to protect sensitive ecosystems from overpopulation."

Professional trainers, including renowned horse trainer Buck Brannaman, along with his proteges Isaac Johnson, Noah Cornish, Wesley Fazari and Jon Ensign, began the gentling process, taking about a week to work with the mustangs upon arrival at MSU. During this initial phase, five horses were paired with volunteer students based on horse temperament and student experience, while the remaining horses continued their training under MSU equine faculty, staff and volunteers.

Each of the students selected to work with a mustang had prior horse-training experience, having taken MSU's colt-starting class as part of their equine science studies. However, this was the first time several of the students had worked with mustangs.

Andrew Couch, a sophomore from Gardiner majoring in animal science and livestock management, said this was the first time he had worked with mustangs under guidance, learning how to prepare a horse for future situations.

Students worked with the horses for four hours, six days a week, beginning at 6 a.m. at MSU's Bob Miller Pavilion, teaching the horses to stand quietly, accept a saddle and bit and respond softly to leg and bit pressure.

As the horses progressed, the students were also able to take them off campus to expose them to new surroundings, as well as varied terrain, said Stefanie Herrera of Helena, a 2016 fall graduate of the Department of Ecology in MSU's College of Letters and Science. After graduating in December, Herrera began volunteering for the MSU Horsemen's Club and was one of the students asked to work with the mustangs.

"Horses will show where the challenges are for veterans," Herrera said, speaking on the connection between horse and rider. "If (a veteran) is angry or closed off, the horse will show it. This is (the horse's) job. The horse has to be able to help that veteran out. Heroes and Horses is giving these horses and these people a purpose."

Herrera added that the horses are rehabilitation horses as much as they are pack-and-saddle horses

"I believe in the Heroes and Horses program," Moreaux said. "It is important we honor the men and women who have suffered in foreign wars by ensuring they can reintegrate into a nonmilitary society."

And, Moreaux said, it is important for students to participate in these types of service learning opportunities.

"Service learning is an educational application that integrates knowledge transfer with a social need," he said. "Service learning enriches the learning experience, teaches civic responsibility and strengthens communities."

"It was a pretty neat experience," Herrera said. "I learned a lot and it was very humbling to be able to work with something wild that puts that much trust in you. I'm quite happy I got to be a part of that, and impact a horse that will go on to affect so many lives."



Isaac Johnson, a Montana State University student majoring in business, prepares a mustang for riding with a round of groundwork and horsemanship flags during the colt-starting class on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017, at the Bob Miller Livestock Pavilion in Bozeman, Montana. (MSU Photo by Adrian Sanchez-Gonzalez.)

# MSU Agriculture Professor Wins Teaching Award

#### **MSU News Service**

BOZEMAN – Montana State University Assistant Professor of Rangeland Ecology Craig Carr has received the Range Science Education Council's 2017 Early Career Undergraduate Teaching award.

Carr, who is also the MSU College of Agriculture's undergraduate range management team faculty adviser, received the award at the Society for Range Management's annual meeting, held in St. George, Utah, in February.

"We're very proud of Dr. Carr and applaud his dedication and passion for teaching range management at MSU," said Patrick Hatfield, department head of the Animal and Range Sciences Department, which is in the College of Agriculture. "MSU is lucky to have faculty like him--who engage deeply in the classroom, while encouraging students to challenge themselves outside of the classroom."

The purpose of the award is to recognize excellence in teaching and advising range management students at the undergraduate level by faculty or instructors who are in the early stages--those with less than 10 years of experience--of their teaching careers.

"This award was really an honor for me," Carr said. "To be recognized by my peers for doing something that I truly enjoy and to read the various statements of support for my nomination was humbling. Teaching for me is a passion and the interactions with my students are often the highlights of my day. There is no better feeling than presenting a good lecture, seeing a student grasp a challenging concept or assisting students as they work through difficult situations. This award has special meaning to me as I have been involved in the Society for Range Management since I was an undergraduate student over 20 years ago. I have admired many of the past teaching award winners and feel privileged to be considered in the same class."

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