

BACK AT THE RANCH

Winter at the Ranch



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AS WINTER APPROACHED, THE TRM CATTLE WERE STILL GRAZING THE OPEN RANGES AND I OCCASIONALLY SUPPLEMENTED THEM WITH AN ARTIFICIAL PROTEIN SOURCE. THE FALL GRASS THIS YEAR WAS EXTREMELY DRY AND THE ADDED PROTEIN WAS BENEFICIAL TO THE CATTLE UNTIL I BEGAN FEEDING SOMETIME IN LATE DECEMBER.

We updated our cattle records this year and culled our cows heavily. We are also currently in the process of increasing the cattle herd to just over 140 head. This has been necessary to not only satisfy our increasing ranch budget, but also a recent drop in cattle prices as well as a

continuing downward trend in the cattle market. By comparing the calves as I have in the past, steer weights were down about 25 pounds and heifer

weights off about 35 pounds. There were three contributing factors for this marked difference; weather - drought this summer and repeated October snow storms of 36" in a 13 day period; 20 heifers bred to light birth weight bulls; ring shrink - the calves suffered in addition to the regular trucking shrink even though they were on

feed. The steers averaged about 619 pounds at 76.3 cents/pound and the heifers averaged about 582 pounds at 73 cents/pound.

SPORTSMAN SUMMARY 1994 THEODORE ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL RANCH

SPORT	DAYS PROVIDED
Spring bear	13
Fishing	36
Upland Game Birds* ..	12
Archery**	42

*A respectable amount of grouse were viewed on TRM Ranch in late Fall.

**The TRM Ranch has not yet recorded any archery kills.

The 1994 hunting season proceeded quite smoothly in 1994 with very few mishaps or confrontations. The mule deer numbers and buck quality seemed to have recovered slightly from a heavy 1992 harvest and cyclic die-off. The elk numbers have also increased with a better bull representation. Still, both of these populations can be improved and TRM management will continue to reflect this need. This takes a great deal of regional support and management will continue to be a struggle for many years to come.

1994 RIFLE SEASON

ANIMAL	QUOTAS	ACTUAL
Mule deer bucks	15	15
Early season		
Mule deer bucks	10	6
Late season		
Mule deer does	40	14
Whitetail bucks	5	4
Whitetail does	10	4
Cow elk	10-15	4
Bull elk	5	1
Total permission slips	82
Total number of sportsman	200
Total sporting days provided	259

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE MULE DEER OF THE THEODORE ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL RANCH TURN TO PAGE 12 OF THIS ISSUE.



RON AASHEIM AND HIS SON, ERIC, (SHOWN IN PHOTO) ESPECIALLY LIKE THE TRM RANCH BECAUSE OF THE PRIVACY PROVIDED FOR EACH HUNTING PARTY.

