

2024.06.10 Fundraising campaign for more pumping equipment and fuel. (about 48min)

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Hello, hello everybody. I'm out here in the field. It's a little windy.

I apologize for the wind. I do have my little wind filter if I need it. It's a gorgeous day, but I don't like the wind.

And the reason I don't like the wind is because all that ice and snow up there, if it's getting hit by the wind, it's melting it, but it's also evaporating it. So instead of it melting and running off, it's evaporating. So the water's finally come on the ranch.

Yes, it is gorgeous though. It is gorgeous. So we wanted to give a little update on the water and the horses.

And just what we've been doing over the last three, four days, experimenting with. So this is where we backed the water up onto the ranch. We plugged this culvert here with a board.

So instead of it running through, it backs up and runs onto the ranch. So you can see it's backing up here, backing up there nicely. It's running underneath here, under the road and out into the field that way.

And it's really running, a lot of it's running that way onto those two fields. So that's working well. Yeah, I did have, I did talk to the animal communicator a little bit earlier and I'll wait for more people to get on.

Give you an update on Oakley. I'm going to probably switch over to this wind sock here so it's not quite as loud. So hang on, let me do that.

So I'm going to be out in this field. There we go. That should quiet things down for you.

Let me know if that helps. So as you can see, water's getting on the field now. Nice.

So the way we irrigate these fields is sub-irrigation. And we basically just back the water up that's passing by anyway. Because it floods areas of the ranch anyhow.

As you can see this water's all the way out here. So this is awesome. The problem is it's not, it doesn't get everywhere because it's not real high.

Like you can see it's high and dry here. Really dry. Through here for now.

The water's just now starting to come up. You can see how last year it was pretty dry too. And this year it's even drier than last year.

Still gorgeous. You can see where the water didn't get last year. So this year we've been experimenting with pumping water.

For the first time ever. So I've got my pump running on that side of the field now. And we'll walk over there.

As you can see here the water's starting to come up. It's starting to get out in the field. Water here.

This is wonderful. Water there. So as we back up the water way over there.

It fills that field, this field, and the two far fields. As you can see we've got plenty of water out here now. So it's

starting to come on.

And eventually, probably after today, tomorrow, all this in this field is going to be full of water. The problem is it's not going to come quite high enough to soak the whole field. So that's why we're pumping over there now.

Just experimenting with that side. Can you guys hear me okay? Is it still too windy? It's pretty windy today. Let me know if you can hear me alright.

Alright. See, no water's gotten here yet. This will fill up too.

Yeah, you can hear me okay? Okay. Yeah, because I've got this hanging on the end of the mic here. I'm trying to muffle some of that wind.

Oh, this area here will go underwater as well. But the river is about two feet lower right now than it was two years ago when we had normal water. So two feet lower with less snow in the mountains is not a good sign.

And last year we only put up about 40% yield. Which we didn't even have enough hay for our horses. We had to buy three liner loads last year.

About \$45,000. And we're about to the end of that hay now. Just got enough for June.

Usually I'm cutting at least part of one field by the end of June. Might be a little late this year, I'm not sure yet. You can always see the crows when you're flooding because the crows take advantage of the bugs getting washed up out of the ground.

You can see our pump pumping there. And the water, we use the bucket as a diffuser so we don't scour out. And I've got to be honest with you, the hay we got last year, I think some of the horses were allergic to it.

So, big hay fields. But you got to have water. You got to have that water.

So that's what we're starting on now. You can see how it's kind of lush over there and it gets more brown in here. This is the area that won't get water.

So we've been watering it over the weekend, experimenting with the burn rate, the flow rate, and the expense of running fuel. Driven machinery to pump the water. Now all this got soaked over the weekend.

And the grass is starting to pop now. And I put this stake in the ground. This is kind of where we started.

So we soaked all this, all the way to that fence over the weekend. And now I'm back here just doing this little section. And we're going to watch and see how the hay grows.

So we burned about \$50 in fuel over three days with this one pump. And \$50 in fuel is the equivalent of about three square bales now. The price of hay has gone up, it's not going to go down.

Three 80 pound square bales is about \$50 now. This area when it's full grown should yield about 40 or 50 square bales. So it's worth the money, it's worth the expense.

We got to get the water on it. You can see how this is still wet. That's from last night, that's from watering last night.

And it got way out here. There we go. So, and we just keep filling the pump back up all day long until we go to bed.

And then we get up in the morning, we fire it back up. As you can see, the hay is starting to grow over here a lot better now. You can see how bright green it looks.

That's because we watered it. The problem is we only have one pump. One pump.

And we've got to be doing three fields simultaneously. In order to properly get the water on. We don't get rain, we don't get much rain here.

We've hardly gotten any rain this year. It's rained a little bit, but just enough to knock the dust down. There's no rain in sight.

Someone says maybe you could get some 50 foot or so pipe, put holes in it, and cover a larger area. Well, you've got to go to the expense of buying wheel lines. An irrigation system for this ranch was over \$100,000.

To properly irrigate it? There's no way we're going to do that. I thought about just buying hay again and letting all the horses graze out here, but that's... You don't know what kind of hay you're going to get. And if we can get these fields to grow by the end of July, we'll be... Or even mid-July, we'll be back in the hay.

As you can see, it's trying to grow. But you've got high areas that we're not going to have enough water out of the mountains to get to these areas. So this is what we're going to do.

We're going to pump. So if we run pumps for the next three weeks... Excuse me, three, four weeks... We should be able to get these high ground areas irrigated... To moderately keep up with the areas that are getting irrigated. See all this got watered last night.

Look how well it's doing. You can still see water on there. That was from last night.

So this hay is really starting to pop now. It's starting to grow just from getting that water. So we're thinking if we do this for the next three, four weeks... We'll get probably about a 60-75% yield.

And save us \$40,000 of buying hay. So that's the plan. Carol says, you need a pump fund.

How much do the pumps cost, someone's asking. Well, we've been talking to followers about that. I was kind of hoping Mother Nature would kick in and save us all the expense.

But she's not kicking in. The beavers are doing their part. The cool thing is, is we're getting water on the ranch from the beavers.

Building dams way back there in the back and pushing the water all the way through... Excuse me, through the ranch. And coming down that branch here where the trees are. And instead of coming directly off the creek... But look, there's not much snow left up there.

It's only that north-facing snowpack that's coming into the valley now. Because there's not much on the north face. Or excuse me, the north-facing snowpack.

Because there's not much on the south face. And there's not much left up there. So... What we wanted to do... I wanted to see what the burn rate... And just see how much water we could get on the fields for how much

expense.

At the initial cost of the pumps... We're burning about... \$15 to \$20 a day per pump. To pump water 12 hours. Call it 12 hours a day because we don't run them all night.

We're sleeping at night. It's like two hours before it runs out. It's like a gallon of fuel.

So... We're looking at about... Eh... Four gallons, three gallons a day. To burn... To run a pump for 12-14 hours. And if we could do three pumps instead of one... Because this is our firefighting pump.

And they'll be identical pumps to that. Those pumps are \$1,200 a piece. The hose is about \$350 to \$400.

And the intake hose is about \$3,350. So you're about \$2,000... You're about \$2,000 for a pump setup. On a minimal.

And then your fuel... If you run fuel for three-four weeks... Call it \$75 a day... You know... At four weeks... Somebody do the math. What's 75 times 28? What's 75 times 28? Someone do the math. Sorry, I paused.

I got a goofy spot here. \$2,100. Are electric pumps an option? No, they're not.

\$2,100. So that's \$2,100. So we're at \$246.

We're over \$6,000 right there. Just on fuel and minimal pumps. And if we can do splitter hoses... Because I want to get Y-gates.

So if we get a pump that comes off there... To a hose, to a Y-gate... To double hoses. Probably throw in another \$1,000 for extra hoses. So you're at \$7,000 right there.

For two more pumps. And the setup. If I replace that pump... We're at \$10,000 for the whole shoot match.

But that's \$10,000 of pumping water onto the fields. All the high spots that don't get water. And that should be enough.

I did yield... Probably three times that in hay. What's a gallon of fuel cost? Ahhh... Let's see... We're in liters here. We're at \$1.60 a liter.

So there's 20 liters to 5 gallons. So somebody do the math. \$1.65... Times 20.

\$1.65 times 20. Yeah, \$10,000 for a pump and setup is a whole lot cheaper than \$40,000 for hay. So that's \$33.

That's what a 5 gallon can of fuel costs up here. \$33. And see I've got a... I've got to put extra hose on there.

I've got to put extra length of hose on here to get out here. We haven't gotten this far out yet. So you can see how dry it is here.

Wherever you see dandelions is where it's dry. Dandelions kind of tell on us. Sell some horses.

Well, I'm working on that. Yeah, all of this costs less than a 100 grand irrigation system. Exactly.

That's why we priced out an irrigation system. It was just ridiculous. Absolutely ridiculous.

Man, I don't think we could get the permits to pull that much water off the creeks around here because that's a pretty aggressive campaign with a watering system like that. But with the beavers doing their job and a little bit of the snow that's left... Hang on, I'm pausing again. A little bit of what I was saying.

That's a one-time expense for your equipment. And it's a full write-off too, so that's cool. But the beavers doing their job back there.

Mother Nature kind of giving us this little bit of depth there. If we can score a couple more ponds, that would be ideal to get in the stream for. We won't have to buy hay this year.

And we can put up our own hay because our hay is the best hay for these horses. Two years ago we had a banner year. Two years ago the river was two feet higher than it is right now.

Last year we didn't get hardly anything in the 40% year. This year we have even less. As you can see, the water is coming on now.

We'll be backed up. It's getting over here. There's still some.

Okay, can you guys hear me okay? Is it still pausing? We're not selling any horses immediately, no. We're not just trying to sell off horses to cover growing hay. We got people interested in horses.

We're not selling horses. We sold a trolley horse about a month ago. Hopefully I'm back now.

Sorry, I'm way out here in this field. Too many pauses. Sorry about that.

I'm back now. I got a little dead zone over here. What horses did I sell? We only sold a trolley horse.

That was it. That was a month ago. He went to Kelsey, which is just over the mountain.

It's not a big deal. What a time to pause. Everybody's panicking about us selling horses.

We're not selling horses. We're always looking for good homes. We're not actively selling any horses right now.

We're talking about growing hay. We've been talking to followers. We've been talking to local ranchers.

We've been talking to the suppliers in town.

So the plan is to try and just pump water to the high ground like we're doing over there. While Mother Nature and the beavers give us the water for the lower ground here. But we need more pumps.

So we're setting a goal of \$10,000 as a fundraiser to get more pumps and be able to have the fuel to run the pumps every day all day for the next 3-4 weeks. I've got to go to town on Thursday. So we're hoping to fundraise with the help of you guys of course to hit the mark to get more equipment.

In the meantime we're going to keep running our pumps as much as we can. We've got the fuel to water what we can. So I've created a link and I've put it in our bio before this because like I said I've talked to other followers about generating this.

And they told me to go for it. And I always consider our lives like our follower board meetings, right? These are our board meetings that we have with you guys. Let's see.

The water is starting to come up. But you can still see these little islands here. Those should be underwater.

Those should be underwater. That's how low the river still is. There's Oakley right there.

How much hay do we need for the winter roughly? Usually I'll put up an equivalent of 4,400 square bales. Now we round bales too but that's the equivalent. Last year we put up 1,800 equivalent.

Woo-wee, it's windy. But last year we didn't pump any water. The water came on but it left two to three weeks early.

So this year we're expecting the same thing. But we want to water the high ground areas that aren't going to get flooded. So that's why we got the pump campaign going.

So there's a link in our bio. Please spread the word because we've got to get the water on. What did the animal communicator say about Oakley? I'll be honest with you, it was a pretty disappointing engagement I had with the communicator.

She didn't give me any certainties. Just generalizations and basically the generalizations that she gave me I intuitively already figured on my own. She said that she did confirm that there was a mass panic amongst the herd when he was born as a baby.

And he basically got left standing there. So he's got some trauma from that. He likes to be in open spaces like this, not confined.

Basically he gets overwhelmed when there's too many people handling him. So he'd like to have just one or two people handle him only. Which is kind of typical of horses anyway.

And that's about it. He was pretty surprised when he choked. She's not sure whether it's an underdevelopment situation or he got kicked or whatever.

So no certainty there. She said she's going to do some energy work on him to try and help him out. Just general stuff really.

Who's being rude? Why are people being rude? I'm just scrolling back to see why people are being rude. Okay. People want to know about Oakley.

I'm just kind of looking back. I hope this story doesn't upset enough. You've got to know me by now.

If there was something hot going on about Oakley, I'd be talking about it. But the biggest thing right now is trying to grow hay to keep that little booger happy. And all these other horses.

So anyway, Oakley's fine. She didn't really confirm anything. No aha moments.

Let's try to calm down in the comments here. These followers know what's up. So if somebody gets on here and starts bashing, they've got a zero tolerance plan.

So if there's anybody that needs block, just send me a DM or a screenshot of whatever's going on. Oakley's

getting top-notch care. And again, not this Friday, but the following Friday, next week, we head out back down south nine hours with Oakley.

And second chance. We're going to get another scope done on Oakley. And then get an x-ray done on second chance.

Yep, Moon Howler's saying nobody needs blocking today. Should be good. There he is, picking his head up.

Just basking in the sun. Nothing broke there. Oakley's fine.

There's old moons, looking fine in the wind. Yeah, it's been a while since I've blocked anybody. We've had a pretty peaceful channel.

And I think we've grown by like 10,000 in the last couple of months. So it's been nice. Somebody said, oh yeah, well, the minute was a little long on Oakley.

So that's Django crashed out. That's Oakley crashed out. That's Windy crashed out.

And Goldie's semi-crashed out. You'll never have all the horses out at once. There'll always be one horse standing on watch.

And that happens to be Moonsie. That happens to be Moonsie. Yes, we do need to generate power from this thing.

This wind. So Oakley's fine. No earth-shattering revelations from the communicator.

It's pretty general. In my opinion, she asked me too many questions going in. You could have concocted a story out of everything I told her.

When I work with mediums, I don't like to front load them with anything. But nonetheless, it was an awesome gift by a follower. And we're going to follow up with some energy work.

And we might have that aha moment down the road. I'm not discounting it. So, so far it's money well spent because we could still get our answers.

See, right now this river should be up to this bank right here. And what it does is it soaks into the fields. You guys remember this last year.

Holy smokes. It was higher than this even last year. But the year before, Duke was trying to stroke it out and swim in here then.

The climate's getting warmer. They're getting less snow here. And again, this wind that's blowing is terrible for it because it's just evaporating the water.

It's not letting it run off the mountains. Somebody was asking about Brandy. There's Brandy right there.

With Cabby. She's in there with Cabby. Looking healthy and happy.

Healthy and happy. I think Lovisa's in there working with Ash. You can't hardly see.

But she's in the inside corral there in the round pen with Ash. There's Taxi living her best life. That tells you how windy it is right there.

Let's go see how our watering's doing. So this area here got wet yesterday too. All this, we pumped water into all here.

That's why it looks so nice and green. The water got all the way to here. So all that's been watered now.

All that's been watered. By the pump. All this has been watered.

All this here in front of me has been watered. But we need more pumps. We need to push more water.

Over the next three or four weeks. Because whatever doesn't get watered over the next three or four weeks is just going to dry up and die. And it's the same water as it's backing up.

As we're backing up the water in the rest of the field. So this is the best water to use. Life-giving water.

Somebody says we need those irrigation sprayers. Yeah, that's a \$100,000 budget. There's no way we're going to have a budget like that.

We priced all that out earlier today. Earlier this year. That's just not going to happen.

This is our \$10,000 answer to the problem. If we can get three more pumps. At least two more setups.

If we can get two more setups and keep using this one, that'll be three. And we'll have them all spread out everywhere. So that's the skinny.

Water equals hay equals happy horses. Water plus hay equals happy horses. Times are changing, we just happen to be here to witness it.

How much are the pumps? We were talking about that earlier. The pumps themselves are like \$1,200. Once you get all the hoses, intake hoses, screens, foot valves, extra hoses.

They're like \$2,500 per set. Clay says, is there any way you can rig up a bigger gas tank on the pump? So you can pump all night. I guess there could be.

We'll look into that. We've got to get the pumps first. Some people look at us and think we're made of money out here and wonder why we do fundraisers.

Well, the only reason we've had so much success with all of this that we're doing is from followers. Building buildings like that. Events campaigns like that.

Saving horses like Second Chance, Oakley, Squeegee. That's all due to follower support. They're mere instruments of the people, actually.

And that's why we do fundraisers. It's the followers that make it happen. Thank you, Michelle Brunner.

We love you. Back out here. This is all from the beavers right here because the river's not even high enough and the creeks aren't high enough to push this water back on here.

That's just all from the beavers. So, seeing that water run on there is a happy thing. You know you've got water on the fields when you see the crows out there because they're picking up all the bugs that are getting washed out of the ground.

Have you looked at getting used fire hoses? We're remote. You can't get used to anything out here. This is very happy.

This will flood the low areas in here, but the high spots up in there won't get water, so we've got to water those. The high spots over there on that side, even closer to the creek, won't get water. And then over there to the right of that old stack liner there, that's all high and dry.

And then we've got the other two fields. There you guys have it. There's a nice amount of water running through here, but there's not much up in the mountains.

And if you look at that number seven, if you've been following us a while, that number seven loses its detail, no longer looks like a seven, and the snow is pretty much done running off. And there's not much of it left. Not much of it left.

How is Lily looking? Lily's looking about the same. Somebody said, what about a fundraiser for it? We have started one, a link in our bio, and I'll post it with this live as well. I've got to go, I've got to go past this area now and look at some areas that are flooding, and I can't take the phone with me because I'll lose the connection.

I'll lose the connection. Thanks for joining. I'll get this posted.

We are officially flooding now. It's not going to last long, so we're going to plan B. Plan B is pumping water to the high ground where we can't get the irrigation to. We've been running our pump over the last four days to ascertain the burn rate on fuel versus the water, and it's definitely worth it, but we need more pumps.

So we're putting out an all points bulletin on pumps. And it's only \$10,000 versus a \$100,000 budget to get an irrigation system out here. And that should save us from buying hay.

But we've got to get the pumps to get the water on the field. And that's the skinny. That's the skinny.

So everybody take care, appreciate the support, appreciate the enthusiasm. Have a good one. Stay tuned, it's early in the day, it's not even noon yet here.

Anything can happen. See ya.

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