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7D Ranch Looking Forward

Hello to all of our wonderful friends out there that share the common thread of the 7D Ranch. Andrea and I just wanted to express some of the exciting events that we look forward to sharing with all of the 7D family. First and foremost, for any that did not know, we are expecting another addition to our family. Andrea is due on March 17th. So please think good thoughts for us on St. Patrick's Day. As our personal family grows we wanted to share with all of you just how blessed we feel to be the managers of the ranch and to be given the responsibility of the stewardship of the 7D. 2014 was our fifth summer managing the ranch together, and although the job is not easy, it is very rewarding. We gain more comfort and confidence with each year.

When we started, I think we both really wondered where the 7D would be in five years and if we would want to move on at that time or keep going. It certainly seemed like a very faraway place and time. Well here we are in February of 2015 and it is hard for us to believe sometimes just what momentum

the ranch has gained over the last five summers. It is exciting though and encourages us to look forward to what another five years will be like. As we stated above we love the ranch and all of the people and animals that make it such a special place. We really do look forward to raising our children in this environment and being able to share our lives and adventures with all of you and new friends to come.

In the immediate future Andrea and I are committed to keep the great legacy of the 7D Ranch going in a positive direction. We will do our best to not take our positions or lives for granted and to continue to maintain and improve the ranch as time and money allow. We thank all of you for your support and for the last five years. Please come and spend more time with us in the future. Here's to a bright and hopeful future for this wonderful place in Sunlight Basin.

All the best,

Meade, Andrea, and Lash Dominick

Fall at the 7D



It seems that there was more animal activity from the turkeys, moose, and deer than humans on the ranch this autumn. We spotted nearly twenty wild turkeys; a cow, calf, and young bull moose; and numerous deer all wandering between the cabins. Chris Dominick, August (Augie) Fitzpatrick, and I were all able to share several breakfasts with the moose as they chowed down early in the mornings right outside our kitchen window. Then the curious moose would often follow us over to Foreman cabin, where we were building an addition for Meade and Andrea's growing family. It was especially surprising to us because the moose were not fazed by the noise we made from loud talking and loud power tools. They laid down by the sheep wagons for an afternoon nap and casually watched the proceedings.

We made great progress on the addition with the amazing fall weather in Sunlight Basin this fall. It was just a few weeks before the main structure of the cabin was built. Before Christmas we had the cabin dried in and were ready to work on the inside. It is shaping up to be a beautiful part of the ranch and a much improved living space for Meade and Andrea's family.



In addition to our construction project on Foreman cabin, headed up again by David Rawlings, Carol Bachmann spent yet another season at the ranch. She took care of the horse herd as they got a chance to rest after the long season of guiding guests up and down the mountains. The five of us on the ranch enjoyed the solitude and freedom of having the ranch to ourselves for a couple of months. Carol rode out quite a few times into Little Sunlight with her horses Nevada and Stuart. Chris and I hiked down to the Clark's Fork Canyon, a very special place that few people have the chance to go or even know how to navigate. Augie and Chris were excited every weekend about the great fishing in the fall season. Between fun projects, the friendship, and amazing weather, what a wonderful fall at the 7D!

I hope you will visit the ranch next summer to join us on more exciting adventures.

-Peter Talpey

Gingersnaps

(This yields 4 dozen. You may need to cut this recipe in half depending on the size of your mixer. If using a hand mixer it shouldn't matter. Bake at 350F for 7-8 minutes, until crackled all over. They spread quite a bit so you'll need to space them around 3 inches apart).

lite brown sugar	1lb
vegetable oil	1 1/2 c
molasses	1/2 c
eggs	2 each
all-purpose flour	1lb, 6oz
baking soda	4t
cinnamon	2t
ground ginger	2t
ground cloves	1t
salt	1/2 t
granulated sugar for rolling dough	

Mix flour, baking soda and all spices together. Whisk to mix well, set aside.

Mix brown sugar, oil and molasses in large bowl, then add eggs and mix well, scraping down sides to ensure it's all blended evenly.

Add dry ingredients and mix on low until dough comes together. I use a cookie scoop that's a bit smaller than a size of a golf ball but you can adjust the size to your desires. Roll the dough balls in granulated sugar and place on parchment-lined baking sheet.

Bake away!

Reflections on My Times at 7D

I have had the good fortune to be a guest at 7D four out of the last five years (only skipped one year due to hip replacement surgery). My first 7D stay was 2010, along with my granddaughter who was 11 at the time. My skip year was 2011. For the last three years, I've been at 7D for the first adult week of the summer. In 2012, I had the good fortune to meet fellow guests Connie and Fred and Melanie and Roger. We rode together most of that week and simply had a fun time. When I returned in 2013, I was delighted to once again find that Connie and Fred and Melanie and Roger also were there (totally unplanned by any of us), and we had yet another great week, this time renewing acquaintances as well. For 2014, we all actually confirmed at the end of our week in 2013 that we would all come back for the same week in 2014. We did, and had yet another grand time. We all talked about returning again in 2015 and I believe everyone is on board with that plan as well.

In both 2013 and 2014 we rode out to the Trapper's Cabin in the Little Sunlight drainage. While there in 2013, wrangler Sam took a photo of the five of us. On our 2014 ride, we recreated the same photo, and it was interesting to compare the two. Of course, none

of us looked any older, but the evergreen tree in the forefront of the photo certainly had grown! What a great remembrance which is just one of the reasons why we keep returning to 7D. Other reasons: scenery, staff, Meade and Andrea, food, horses, accommodations, and such peacefulness in the Sunlight Basin.

—Bob Monaghan





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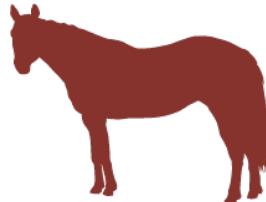
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