

## Chimney Butte Ranch

## TO ALL OUR VALUED CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS

Extreme winter weather has forced Chimney Butte Ranch to cancel our spring 2023 bull sale.

Record snow and cold during the months of November and December have forced many changes in our operation.

All cows are on full feed with no winter grazing available. We have kept ourselves entertained all winter by feeding cows and moving snow.

Our livestock has come thru the difficult weather in better than expected condition with minimal losses. Our bulls are in good, but not saleable condition. I am sure if we pushed them harder they would have responded well. We will not compromise the health or quality of the bulls for any reason.

Over the last few years we have transitioned from February and March primary calving to April and early May primary calving. The younger age of the bulls combined with extreme weather conditions dictate changes in our sale schedule.

WE WILL BE OFFERING OUR BULLS FOR SALE THE LAST WEEKEND OF OCTOBER. We will be combining the bull sale with our fall female sale. The bulls will be older and developed on summer grass and limited grains.

We know this change may create problems for some of our customers, if so please contact us we will work to make sure you have bulls in your pastures.

The changes are not taken lightly, but Mother Nature seems to rule supreme. The really good news is we will have a great start for our pastures and probably a phenomenal hay crop. Add the prospect of record prices for 2023 and 2024 calves, it looks like the near future is really bright for the industry.

The PATH TO PROFITS in our industry has never been a straight road. We have all had curves in our endeavors, this is just one more curve for us to maneuver around, and Chimney Butte Ranch, our customers, and the industry, will look back at this winter as one more challenge that will strengthen our resolve and help us move to the future.

Thank you for your understanding and past business. If you need help finding a bull for this season let us know we will help locate one for you.

GOD BLESS, Doug, Carol and crew



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