



# NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2023

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Our quarterly community newsletter, highlighting all the wonderful things about Crowley Ranch Reserve.



# AHHH, seasonal changes...

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Late September & early October colors were GORGEOUS this year!!! It did not matter whether you were on the Continental Divide hiking with friends, riding bicycles off the county road, fly-fishing on surrounding rivers, or relaxing on your own property, it was all amazing.

November was a sprinkling of snow, soup and bread making, cozy fires with a wee dram, dried fall flower arrangements, movies with homemade popcorn and funny commentaries, elk migrations, turkey trots, and Friendsgiving / Thanksgiving with loved ones.

*We're grateful for all that the seasonal changes bring us this quarter!*





A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake in the foreground, a dense forest of evergreen and yellow-tinged trees in the middle ground, and majestic mountains with patches of snow in the background under a clear blue sky.

# Spectacular Hikes

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Boots on the ground, let's do it!



# Not far from Crowley...

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We are on the doorstep of some of Colorado's most unique and exciting hikes; there's everything from stunning nature walks to difficult high-elevation scrambles. Check out the following list of recommendations to find your perfect hike.

1. Pagosa Peak
2. Opal Lake Trail
3. Coyote Hill Loop Trail
4. Fourmile Trail
5. Sheep Creek Hot Springs
6. CDT – South San Juan Mountains
7. Rio Grande National Forest – by South Fork



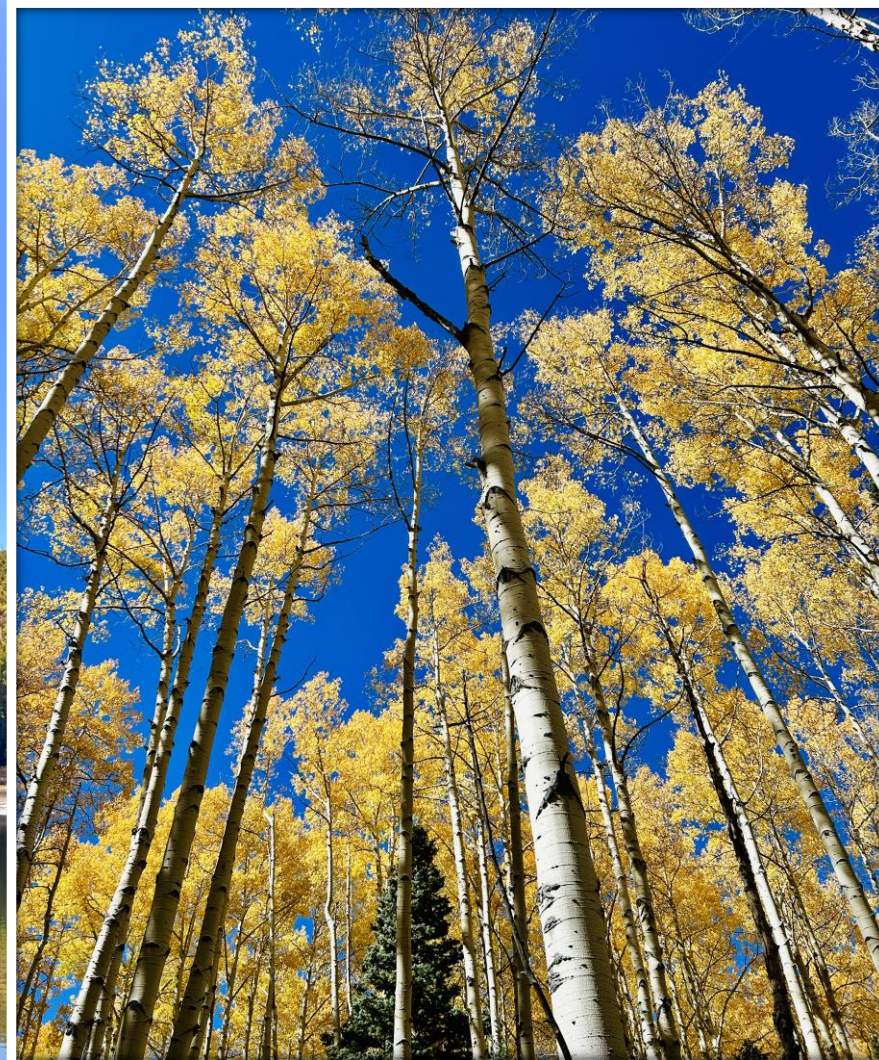
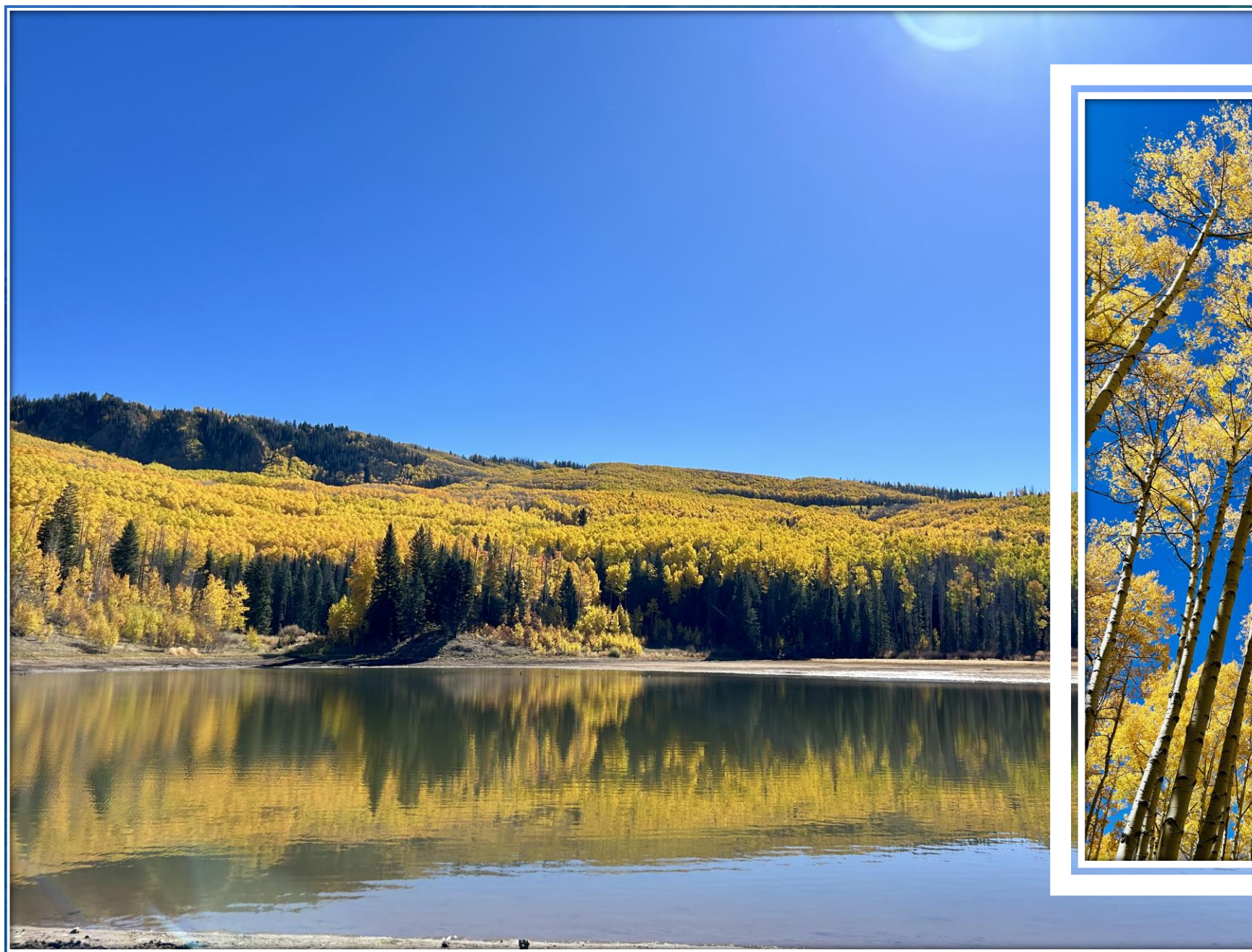




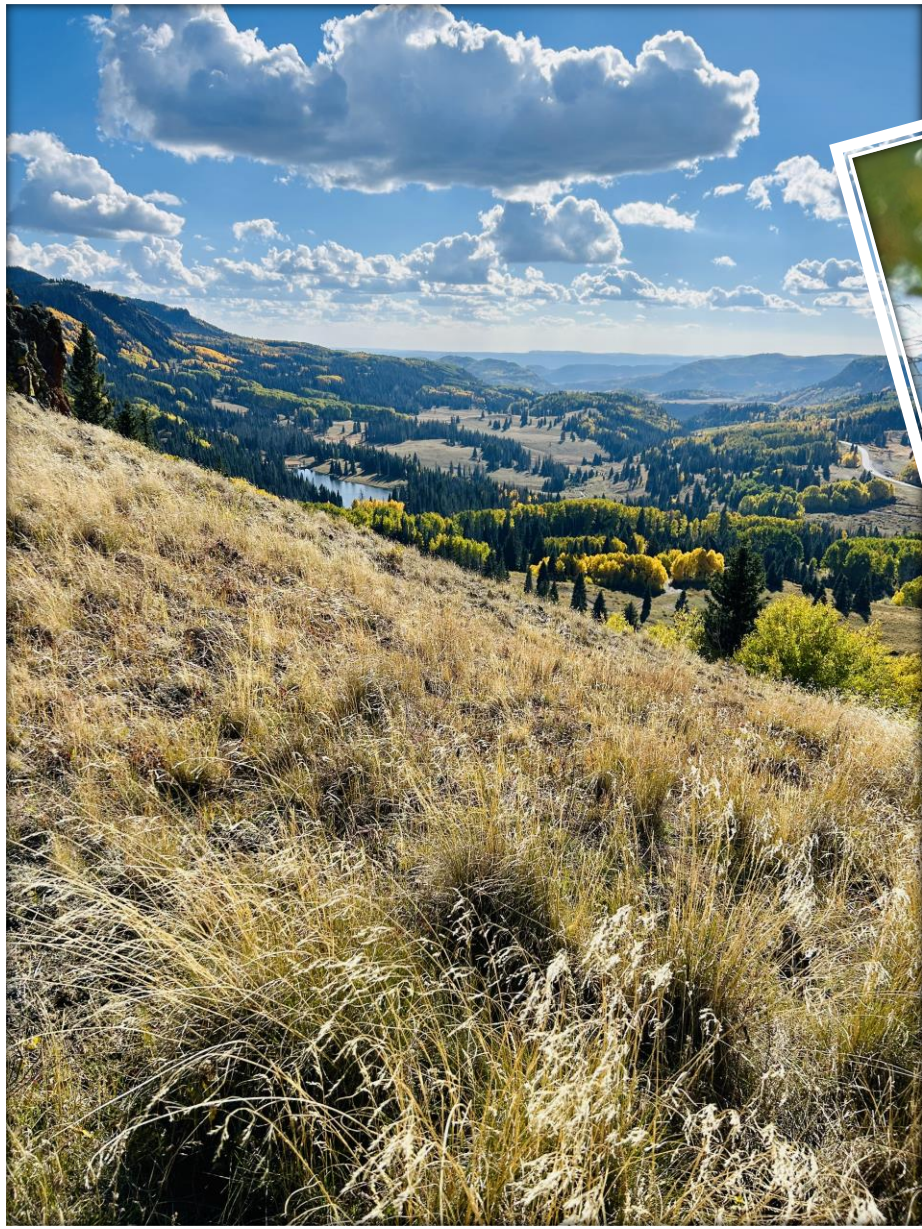




















# Volunteering

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# Did you Know?

*“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.” Muhammad Ali*

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## Volunteering in America: Demographics

### Women

- 44,614,636 female volunteers contribute roughly 3.9 billion hours of service
- 33.8% of females volunteer
- Volunteer service worth an estimated \$94.5 billion

### Men

- 32,772,431 male volunteers contribute roughly 3.0 billion hours of service
- 26.5% of males volunteer
- Volunteer service worth an estimated \$72.4 billion

- Research sponsored by AmeriCorps.



# Mr. Blake & the C.R.R. HWY Trash Pick Up Volunteers!





And oh yes, the "ring of fire," solar eclipse occurred while we worked... very special day!!





# Did you Know?

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## Generation X – ages 39 to 54

- 21,720,574 Generation X volunteers contribute roughly 1.8 billion hours of service
- 36.4% of Generation X Americans volunteer
- Volunteer service worth an estimated \$45.2 billion

## Baby Boomers – ages 55 to 73

- 22,631,756 Baby Boomer volunteers contribute roughly 2.2 billion hours of service
- 30.7% of Baby Boomers volunteer
- Volunteer service worth an estimated \$54.3 billion

## Silent Generation – ages 74 to 91

- 6,673,509 Silent Generation volunteers contribute roughly 798.1 million hours of service
- 24.8% of Silent Generation Americans volunteer
- Volunteer service worth an estimated \$19.2 billion



# OSC: Re-establishing healthy ecosystems to replace noxious weeds.





# OSC: Planting native grass and wildflowers seeds.





For the second year in a row, the most effort & time contributed by an OSC volunteer, removing thistles, goes to Mr. Steve Kohlhagen with **143.5 hours**. His volunteer work within the Crowley community supports the Noxious Weed Grant & all of our neighbors. **WELL DONE & THANK YOU STEVE!!!**







# “Foodies”

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What's cookin' in da kitchen?









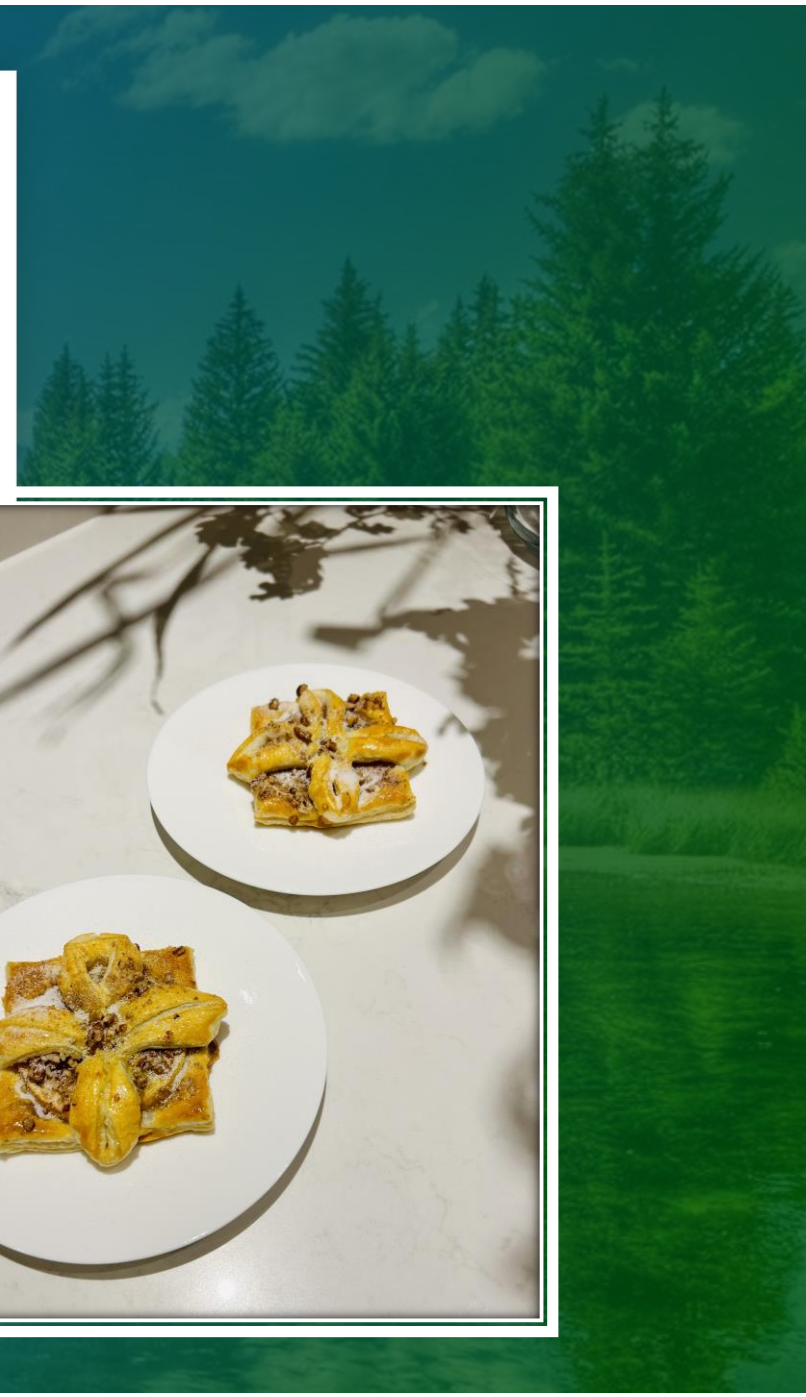




































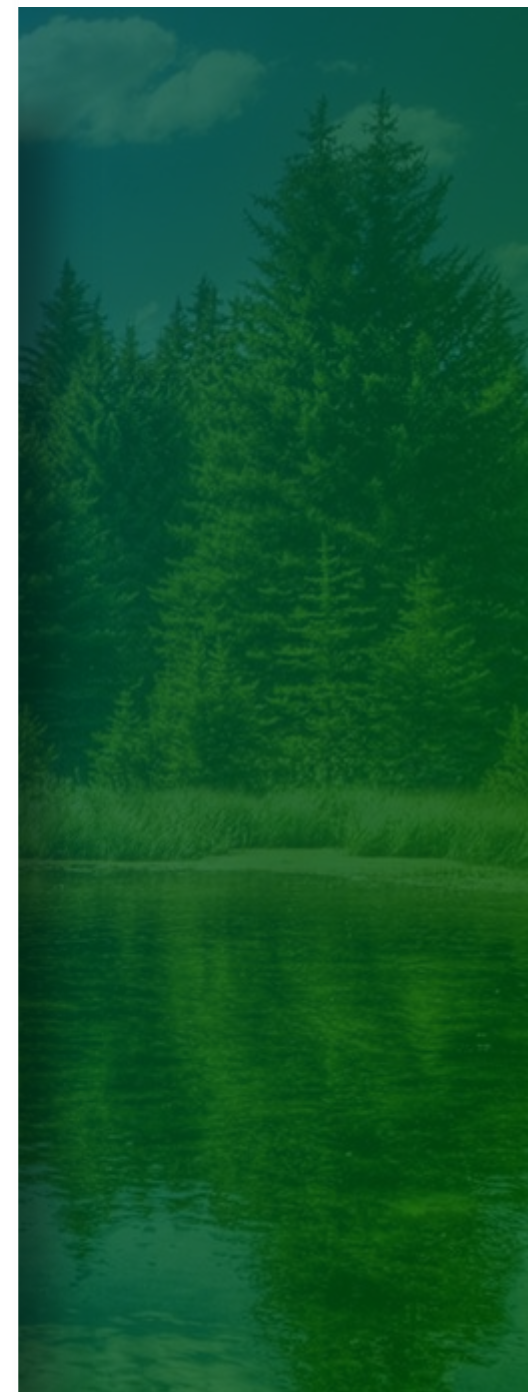
# “Wild” Life

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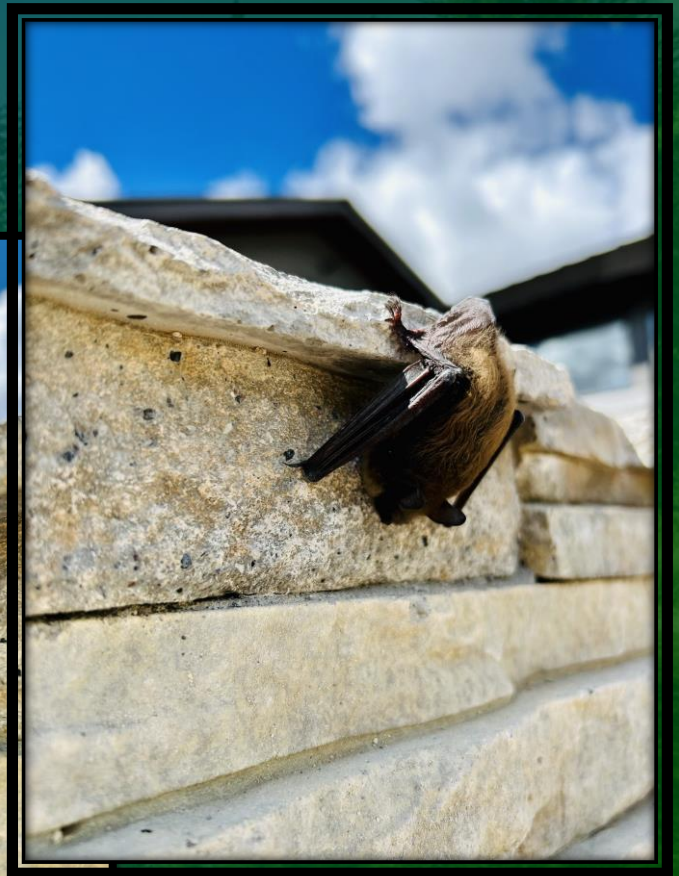
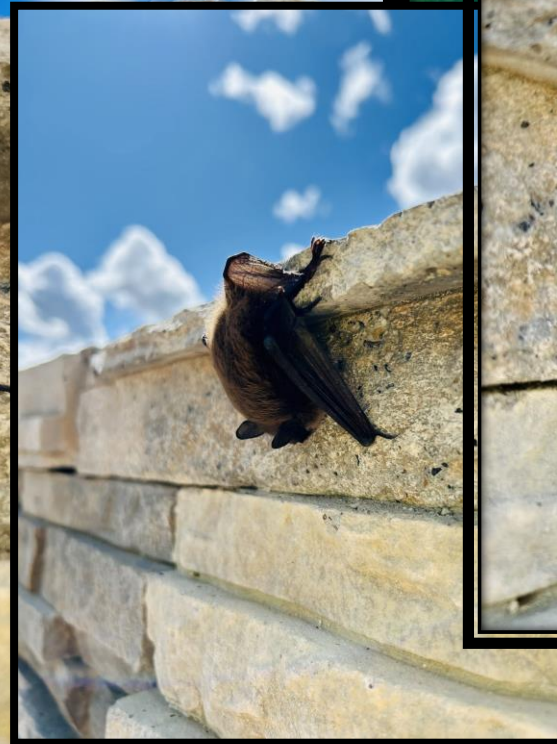
















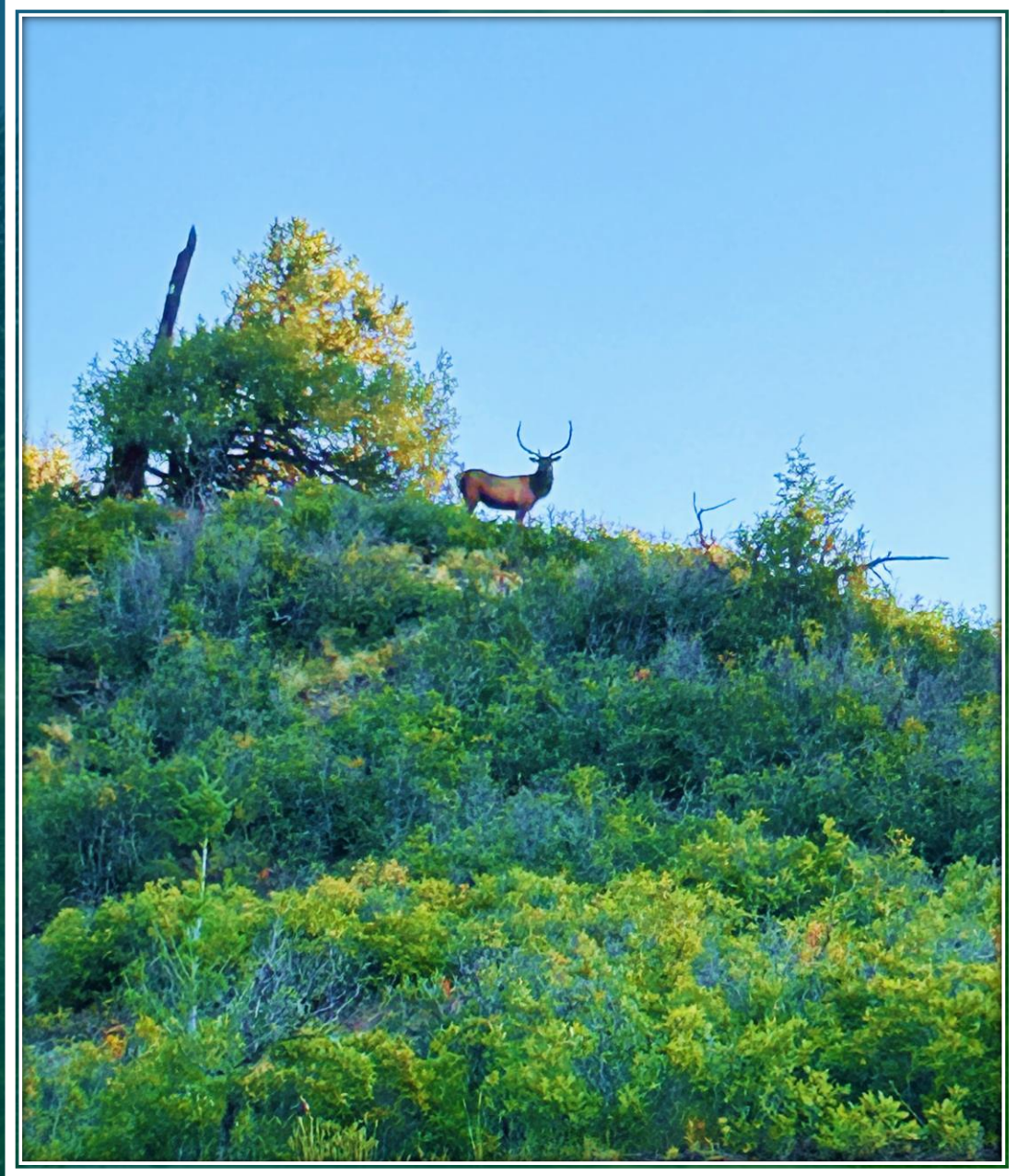














A scenic landscape photograph of a mountain valley. In the foreground, a calm lake reflects the surrounding scenery. The middle ground features a dense forest of evergreen trees, with some deciduous trees showing yellow autumn foliage. The background consists of rugged mountains with patches of snow, set against a clear blue sky.

# Black, White, & shades of Grey

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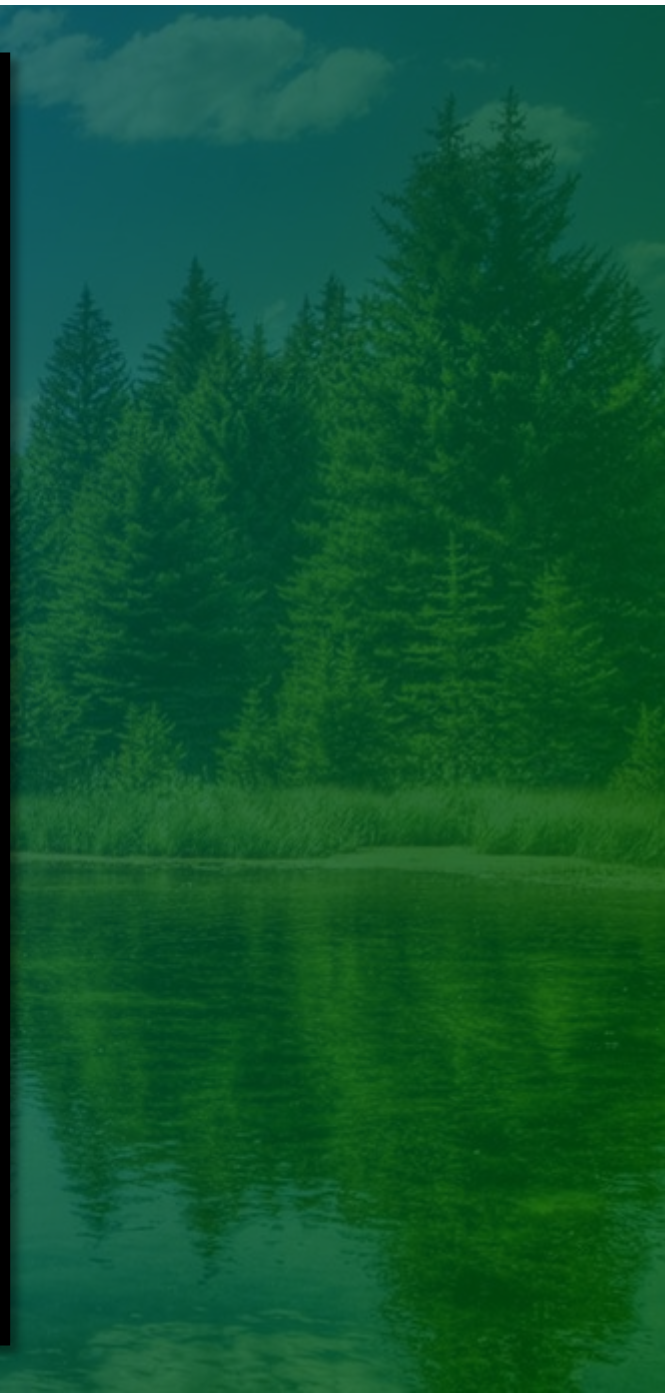






















Happy Holidays from  
Crowley Ranch  
Reserve!

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# SHOW US WHAT YOU GOT!

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Send in your best 3 pictures, per quarter, for any category, so at least one may be included.

Pictures are due by the middle of each month listed:

- February
- May
- August
- November

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