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November Newsletter, 2024

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

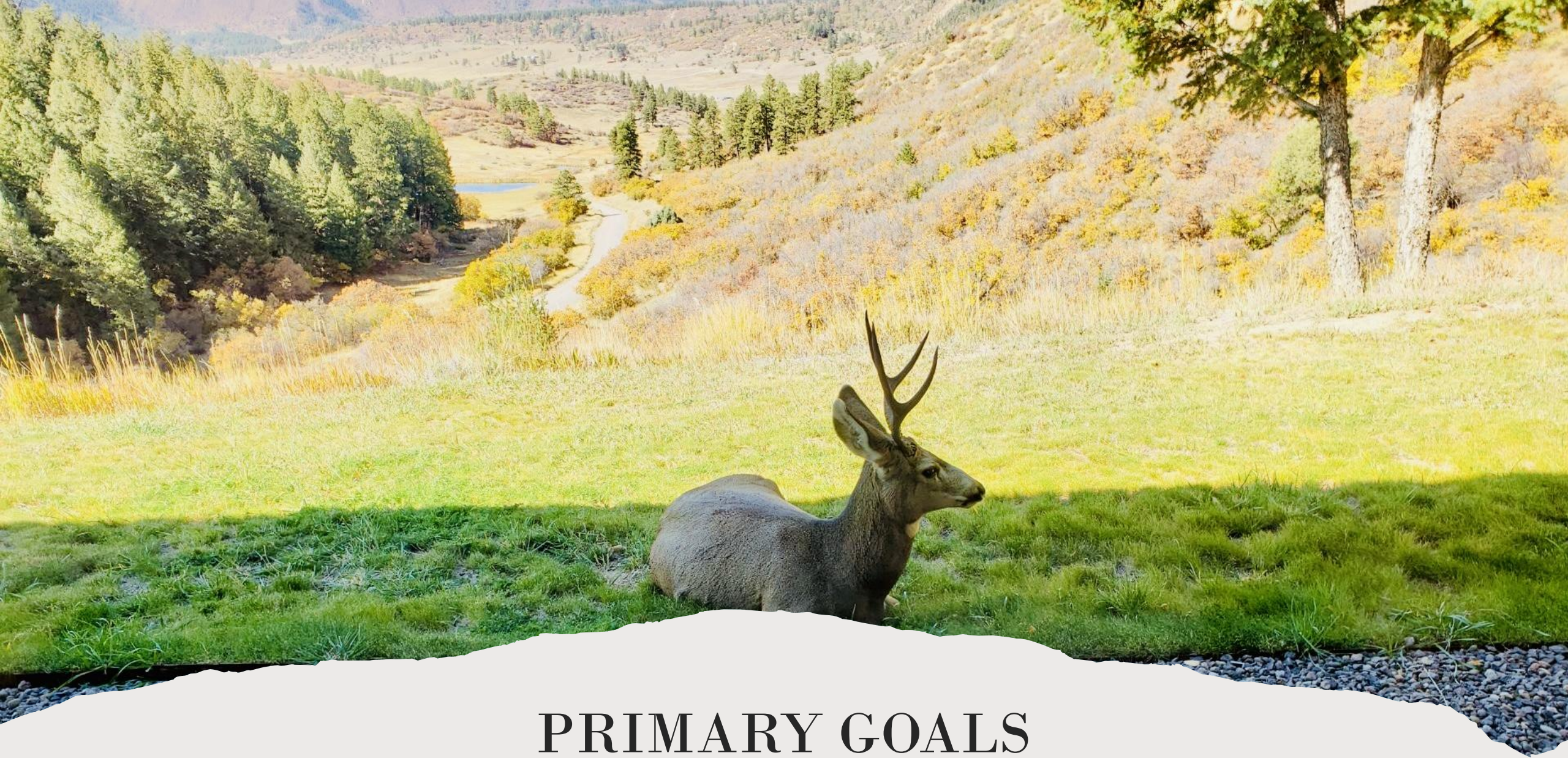


Late September & October
were GORGEOUS!!!

Shimmers of rose, gold,
and rust, colored the
mountains and canyons.
And now, our powdered
sugar is signaling winter's
arrival in Crowley...

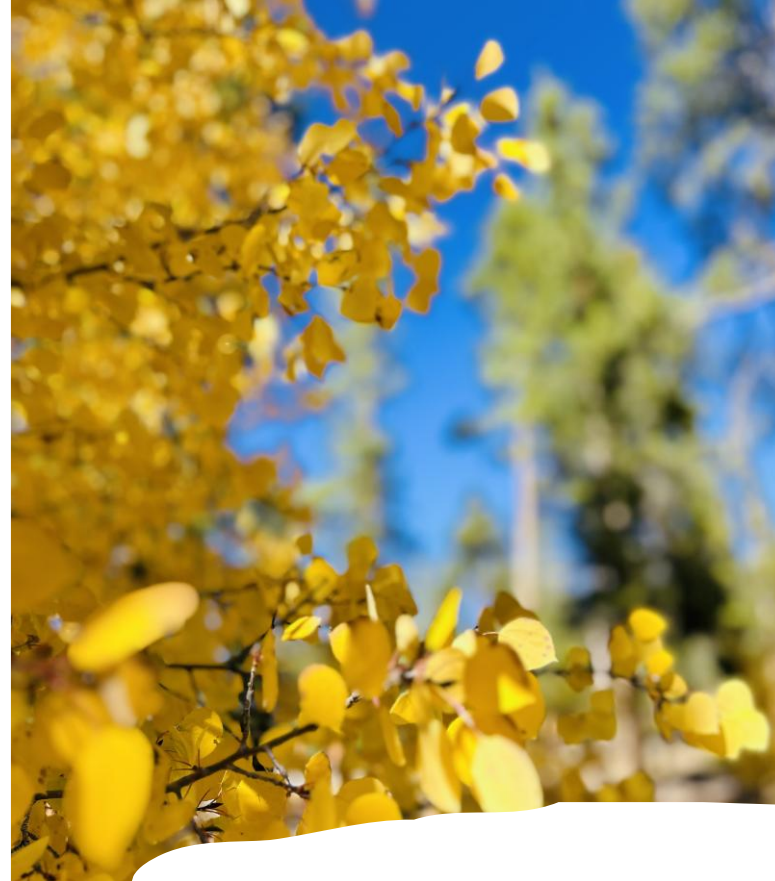






PRIMARY GOALS





Crowley, in the best
light!



Keep Colorado Wild Pass

As Coloradoan's, we live life outside, & with that comes the responsibility for all of us to care for and keep Colorado wild.

- Among other things, the Pass supports: Search & Rescue teams, Avalanche Safety programs, and Wildlife Conservation efforts.
- Colorado residents can opt in for a \$29 Keep Colorado Wild Pass when registering a car, motorcycle, recreation vehicle or light truck through the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV).
- Let your vehicle registration card become a state parks pass! No additional sticker needed.
- Save 60% on a traditional (\$80) Annual State Parks Pass.
- The pass is valid for one year or until the current vehicle registration expires.
- Get car, bike and foot entry into all Colorado state parks.
- Residents ages 64 and older get a \$3 per night discount on Primitive, Basic, Electric and Full Hookup sites, Sunday through Thursday, excluding holidays.



A photograph of a bird of prey, possibly a hawk or falcon, perched atop a wooden signpost in a field of tall, dry grass. The bird has brown and white plumage and is looking towards the camera. The signpost is a weathered wooden pole. The sign is white with a black border and contains the text "FISH & SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK" in black, sans-serif, all-caps font. The background is a dense field of tall, yellowish-brown grass. The image has a torn-edge effect on the left side, with a black silhouette of a person's head and shoulders visible against a white background.

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**Three's a
crowd!**





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**Twenty's
Plenty**



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Style



What's your Style?

Taking a beautiful picture or pattern and expanding it to a wall can transform a plain white room.



Customizing your house and adding your personal style is easily accomplished with a local artist or wallpaper.



Whether your style is Boho, Western, Moderne,
Rustic, or Classic, there is something for
everyone!



Feature walls can be opportunities to highlight your favorite landscapes or flora.



Ideas for every style!



How do YOU elevate your spaces?

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Holiday

Always a great time taking a road trip to the Denver Botanic Gardens!
<https://www.botanicgardens.org/events>,







Halloween
Costume?

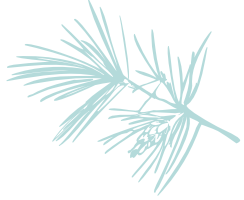
Book Store
Receipt





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Food



Savory Garlic Mushroom Ground Elk

A simple, savory stroganoff recipe that uses garlic, mushrooms, onion, canned mushroom soup, fresh sage and ground elk burger.

Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground elk
- 8 ounces sliced mushrooms
- 1 small yellow onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, diced
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon fresh sage, chopped
- 1 (10 3/4-ounce) can mushroom soup mix
- 1/2 cup water
- Worcestershire sauce
- 2 cups cooked rice
- Salt and pepper, to taste



<https://www.gameandfishmag.com/editorial/savory-garlic-mushroom-ground-elk-recipe/348173>



Pan-Seared Elk Venison with Rosemary Smashed Potatoes

Pan-seared elk venison backstrap in butter, bacon, and garlic served with garden-grown potatoes and rosemary.

Ingredients:

- 2 individually cut elk backstrap steaks, each about 4- to 5-inches thick
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 slices of bacon, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped

Rosemary Smashed Potatoes:

- 6-8 potatoes
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 ½ tablespoons minced fresh rosemary
- Chopped fresh chives



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Slow-Cooked Elk Loin

Use this recipe to slow cook smaller cuts of elk venison loin or roasts with leeks and a wheat beer.

Ingredients:

- 1 pound elk venison loin or roast
- 1 bottle of German wheat beer
- 1 can beef broth
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1-2 leek onions, finely sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, sliced thin
- 1 teaspoon fresh sage
- 1/2 cup flour
- Salt and pepper



<https://www.gameandfishmag.com/editorial/slowcooked-elk-venison-loin-recipe/348265>



Ground Elk Quesadillas

Ingredients:

Ground Elk
Quesadilla Cheese
Taco Seasoning
Tortillas
Lard



<https://peaktoplate.com/ground-elk-quesadillas/#ingredient-notes>

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Wildlife


Red Tailed Hawks

Frequently seen circling the skies of Crowley, the red-tailed hawk occupies a wide range of habitats and altitudes. In our environment, they are most often predators of small mammals such as ground squirrels, voles, & rabbits.

Fun Fact: The fierce, screaming cry of the adult red-tailed hawk is frequently used as a generic raptor sound effect in television shows, even if the bird featured is not a red-tailed hawk...It is especially used in depictions of bald eagles.

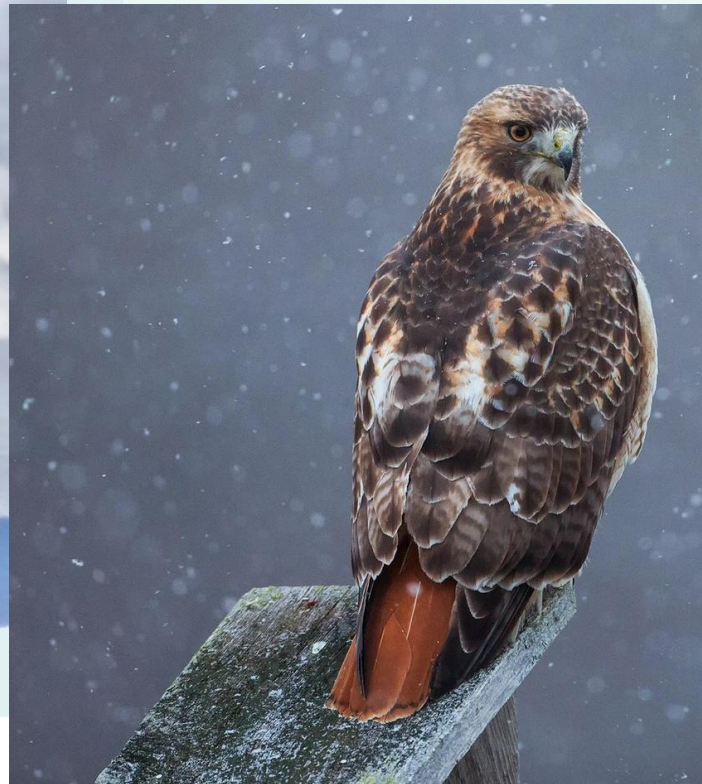
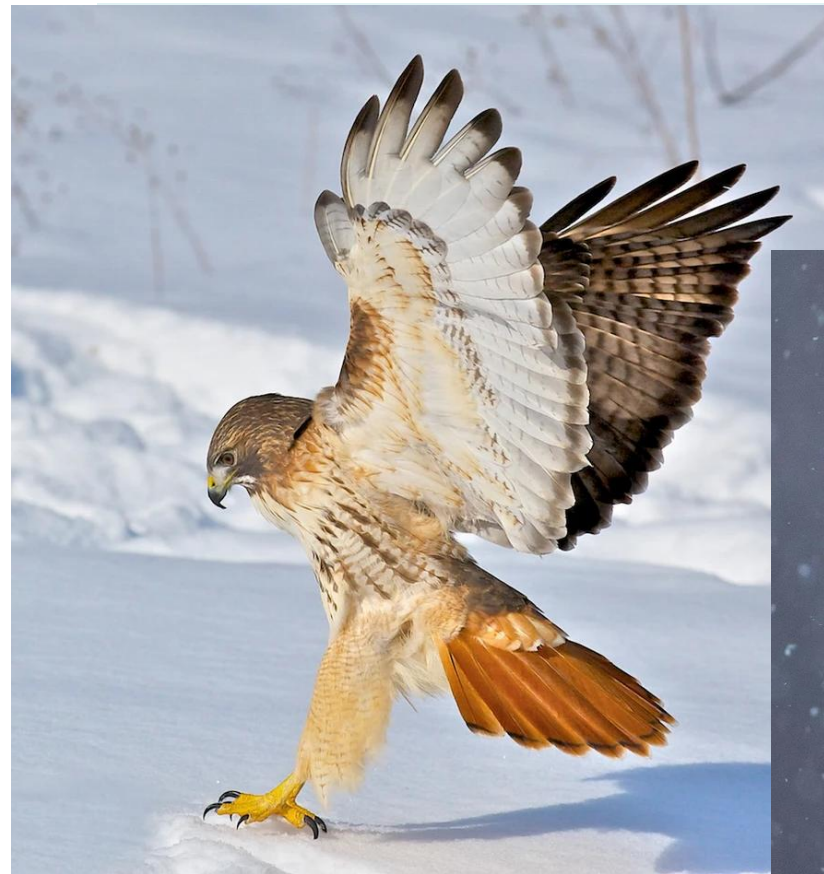




A Red-tailed hawk is shown in flight, its wings spread wide, against a clear blue sky. The hawk's feathers are a mix of brown and grey. In the bottom right corner, a large, bright full moon is visible. The bottom of the image has a white, torn-paper-like edge.

Red-tailed hawks are known to hunt by watching from a high perch and then swooping down to capture prey.

<https://www.audubon.org/field-guide/bird/red-tailed-hawk>







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Show Us What You Got!

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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