

Cottonwood Guest Ranch

THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE RANCH

HAPPENINGS:

- The pair of Great Horned Owls are back.



- Our horses have just been to the dentist!



- A friendly homing pigeon visited for a few weeks.



- Our RV park is now finished, complete with full hook ups.



- The autumn colors are spectacular!



- Our four Horse Drives and two Pack Trips this year were very successful, exciting and loads of fun. Come join us next year!!!



Fall Elk Bugle Pack Trip

What an incredible adventure it is to see and hear the bull elk calling to the female elk (cows) at the height of mating season. The series of sounds that the bull makes is called bugling. The cows are usually attracted to the males who bugle the loudest and most often. It's an eerie sound that fills the mountains above the ranch each autumn. Cottonwood offers pack trips into the Jarbidge wilderness every year for guests to experience this amazing spectacle. Our recent trip in September was phenomenal!



After loading the pack horses we rode 3 1/2 hours on horseback from the Camp Creek lower camp to the upper camp, which sits at an elevation of about 8,700 feet. Our delicious, hearty meals were eaten in the large cook tent or around the roaring campfire. Tents with cozy bedrolls and cots kept us warm and toasty at night as the bugle of the distant elk herds lulled us to sleep. We rose before dawn each morning to saddle our horses and rode up to get into viewing position overlooking Mary's River Basin just as the sun was coming up & then the show would begin!



We were treated to the sight and sound of hundreds of elk moving throughout the basin just below us. The bull elk would call to the cows to entice them to join his harem and sometimes fights would break out among the elk. Click on the brand below to see some rough video footage from one of our morning viewings. Be sure to turn up the volume to hear the magnificent sound of the bugling elk!



Cottonwood will be offering this amazing adventure again in 2011 plus many other exciting trips. Please go to our website for the full schedule and for more information.

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