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*"In every walk with nature,  
one receives far more than he seeks." - John Muir*

## **GIVING BACK.**

### **Community. Education. Conservation. Outreach.**

Hunters are conservationists. Guides are teachers. The Flying B Ranch is a resource. If you have been to the 'B' you know that the location is a gift in itself.

We as staff are fortunate to have this to call our "office." This 5,000 acres is situated in a largely resource-driven region of Idaho where hunting and fishing are ways of life for residents. Our location, equipment, and full-time staff make us a resource for local and national education and outreach programs. Beyond being an outfitter, we are part of this sporting tradition, committed to providing hunting and fishing opportunities for youth, veterans and the disabled.

The Flying B Ranch has had a longstanding involvement in local outreach and education, by hosting hunter education class hunts, all star youth hunts, and mentored youth hunts for budding regional hunters. We are very fortunate to

have what we consider to be the BEST conservation officers to work with from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. These COs go far beyond their "jobs" in spending their time and resources to help get young hunters into the field where they can learn about safety and ethics and begin their lives as respectable and educated hunters. Many times IDF&G brings out kids who don't have fathers or mentors to introduce them to hunting and so need that guiding influence and the opportunity to learn to hunt. Along that line, we have partnered with the First Hunt Foundation this past year and are very excited about what this new relationship will mean for the youth it serves.



*Previous Idaho Hunter Education Youth All Star Hunt at Flying B Ranch-- a combined effort of inspired youth, parents, volunteers, guides, and IDFG conservation officers.*



*Happy young hunters from  
the All Star Youth Hunt Spring  
2016 at Flying B Ranch*

Our owner, a veteran himself, has always given very generously to veteran causes through the capacity of the Flying B Ranch. Over the years we have guided numerous hunters through programs such as [Send a Vet](#) and continue to do so. Just last month we began to work with [Project Healing Waters](#) to see how FBR can get involved with fundraising efforts and event hosting trips for disabled veterans learning to fly-fish and even tie their own flies!

Women's events that educate, train, and serve women are common here as well. In the past we have partnered with the National Wild Turkey Federation to host [Women in the Outdoors](#) events. We have also done Ladies Sporting Retreats of our own. This Summer we will welcome back [Casting for Recovery](#), an organization that does an annual retreat here on site. Coming up on May 14th we will be hosting an event called [Women on Target](#) organized by the National Rifle Association, that coaches women on gun handling safety and proficiency. This year's event is already full, but if you are interested in signing up for future events, please contact our lodge at 800-472-1945.





*Hand gun instruction at last year's Women on Target by Friends of the NRA event at Flying B Ranch*

This is just a sampling of what we are doing to give back to the hunting and fishing community both locally and nationally, as well to as veterans causes and other outreach programs. **Be sure to keep an eye out for our Summer 2016 Edition Semi-Annual Report which will include a Giving Back Part 1 full feature on these programs and more, including how FBR is getting involved, and information on how you can also give back to important causes like these both nationally and at home.**

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## **Osprey Backcountry Fly-Fishing Adventures**

I had written a piece trying to illustrate the experience that Osprey offers to any adventurous soul, but especially to families. However, I know that hearing it from the "marketing lady" isn't worth as much as hearing it from a guest's perspective.

Instantly, Thomas Ciriacks came to mind. He and his kids have been going into Osprey since long before my time at the ranch, so I emailed him requesting maybe a favorite photo and a brief statement about what he thinks of this trip.

Being a busy NYC professional, I didn't know if he would have time to get back to me or not. I was astounded at the response. He emailed back within hours with 99mb zip file of years of family photos from Osprey and a Word document with the following paragraphs. These are his unedited thoughts on what Osprey has

meant to his family:

*"The Flying B Ranch 's horse-back driven fly fishing & camping adventure has been a well anticipated family pilgrimage for my family and I over the last 17 years. When I look through the album of all the annual trips I can literally see my kids growing up in front of my eyes while they ride, fish, sleep, camp and swim. From the first trip in 2001 to our most recent trip last year, much has changed for the Ciriacks Clan, but the one constant has been "The Trip". From getting picked up by the crew in Lewiston, to the first night at the Ranch, to the first early morning drive out to the trail...its just a very special experience, one that bonds us and one that will never be forgotten.*



*Young Hailley with Stud Muffin*

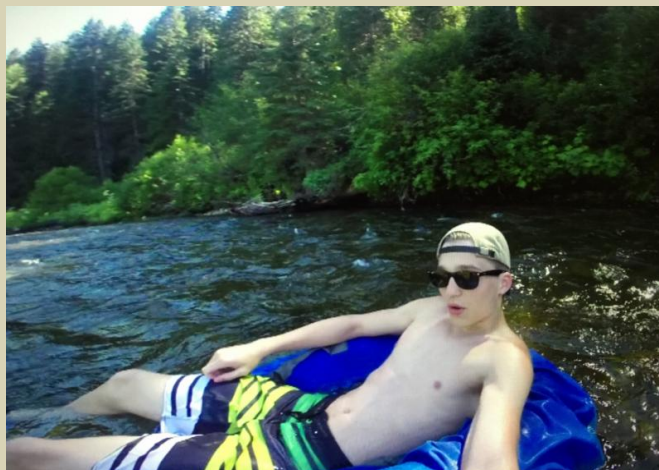
*The ritual officially begins every year when Hailley and Cal get to pick out their own horse for the week at the trail head, while Rich Coe (Camp Manager and Fishing Guide Extraordinaire) and I put on our walkin' boots and hike (and fish) our way in along trail that follows the magical Osprey Creek. The first fish this year reminds me of the last fish caught the previous year...its like I never left, and never want to leave. This is why I work, so that I can come here and play.*





*Young Cal pitching during a game of Osprey baseball.*

*Once we arrive at the campsite there is Ryan with beverages and snacks to enjoy while we set up our gear in the allotted tents and settle in for the annual adventure. Ryan is a chef...we get a **CHEF** to cook our food for 5 days out in the wilderness, WOW! The Dutch Oven Peach Cobbler is the best... though I may get an argument from the kids based on their infatuation of the Huckleberry Pie.*



*Cal's selfie-stick photo taken during a leisurely float with his sister down Weitas Creek in 2014.*

*Whether it's the world class west-slope cutthroat fly-fishing (you can be an experienced fisherman, or come to learn; the creek is very manageable and forgiving) or the enjoyment of the breeze while reading in the screen tent in the afternoon. Whether its being surprised by an elk sneaking through the camp at daybreak or being lulled by the sound of the herds hooves making their way to the upper pasture at night while the evening fire is being made...there is always*

something to do and something to savor at Osprey Creek. We can't wait for this year's trip."

-Thomas Ciriacks



*Hailley with Dutch Boy in 2014*

We still have some prime dates still left for this Summer. The inclusive package includes everything you need for the trip, (even your fishing license!...) and kids are always half-price with an adult. If you are interested in learning more about an Osprey adventure for your family or friends please reply to this email or call the lodge at 800-472-1945. Click on the video below for a look at Osprey Camp.



Backcountry Cutthroat Trout at Osprey Camp with Flying B Ranch

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## **Grilled Game Bird Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette**

Chef Ryan selected a favorite salad of his for this issue. Grilling season is upon us! This will allow you to grill up one of those game birds you have in the freezer and set it on a bed of fresh greens tossed in homemade vinaigrette. This is sure to impress guests at your next barbeque. Click [here](#) for the full recipe.

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## **A Safari Experience Worth Sharing**

We know that our guests visit many other hunting and fishing destinations throughout the year. The great thing about this industry is that we all have something unique to offer. We review our own hunt experiences from the perspective of experienced hunters and as industry professionals. Being able to provide our guests with opportunities for new adventures is important to us. We would never endorse another operation without having experienced it ourselves.



Last year a member of our Flying B Ranch family, Kevin Burlingame, traveled to South Africa for a safari with JohnX Safaris. Kevin's family has owned the Flying B Ranch since our start more than 30 years ago and managed the Flying B for several years. He approached me, eager to share his story about his first safari. I have heard so many stories of Africa, some good, and possibly even more not so good... but his first hand account is worth reading if you have Africa on your list.



*Kevin with his Kudu taken about 30 miles from the Lalibela game preserve, in Grahamstown*

Here is an excerpt from Kevin's blog about his experience with JohnX Safari...

*I can't recommend this operation highly enough. At the Flying B Ranch, we try to exceed our guest's expectations, and JohnX is operated the same way. Carl Van Zyl and his wife Trish are magnificent hosts, and in true safari fashion, your guides stay with you the whole time. Martin, Greg and Sticks (our guides) were true experts and easy to spend time with. Each of them exhibited true reverence for the safari lifestyle.*

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## FLYING B RANCH BIRD HUNTING ADVENTURE



**Shooting Sportsman** has selected the Flying B Ranch as the only new location to host one of their esteemed Readers & Writers Adventures this year! This hunt involve all the inclusive features that Flying B Ranch wingshooting adventures are famous for, but with the opportunity to hunt with Bruce Buck of Shooting Sportsman as well! This hunt is scheduled for December 3-7, 2016 and at last update there were 7 spots left. You can see the full Flying B Ranch hunt listing on [ShootingSportsman.com](http://ShootingSportsman.com) and view a brief video about their Readers & Writers Adventures [HERE](#).



*Filming project for the NRA on Flying B Ranch*



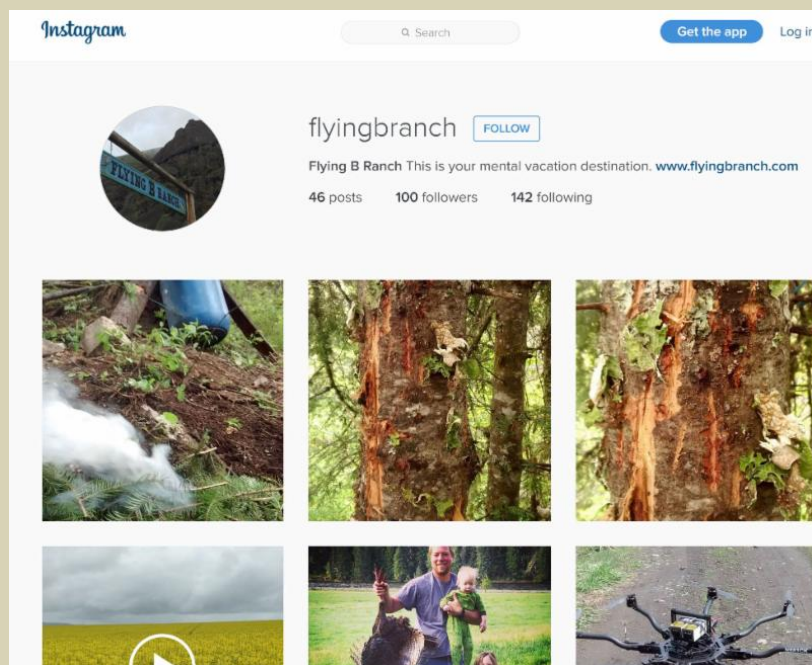
The **NRA (National Rifle Association)** approached us first this past February about doing some filming with us for a new project they are working on that uses stunning filming techniques to illustrate the vast landscape that hunters are a part of, and to try to show what true "hunting" means. They were referred to us directly when searching for a place with majestic and diverse landscapes. We jumped at the opportunity to be involved with the NRA's efforts to promote the future of hunting in America and cannot wait to see the results of all the hard work that went into this week of filming. We will keep you posted on this!



*Drone used in filming of NRA project*

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**CHECK US OUT ON INSTAGRAM!**





The Flying B Ranch now has an Instagram page! We have created a photo stream that includes photos that reflect the Flying B Ranch experience... it's an accumulation of the place, the adventure, the community, and the outdoor sporting lifestyle. Follow [flyingbranch](https://www.instagram.com/flyingbranch/) and let us be your mental vacation destination on Instagram.

You can always keep up to date with all the activities and interests of the Flying B Ranch on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/theflyingbranch](https://www.facebook.com/theflyingbranch)

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The sun is shining, so get out there and enjoy it!!!  
Your Friends at the Flying B Ranch

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