

Adapting to a Changing Landscape

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Anchor Ranch in Upper Eagle Creek, Arizona



We moved to the ranch in 1992



Wolf Reintroduction



Can These Two Coexist?



The world has changed

- There is a heightened environmental consciousness around the world
- Mass communication has increased has made the world smaller
- There are more people out there who care about wildlife than cattle

The wolf reintroduction helped
my sister buy a house.

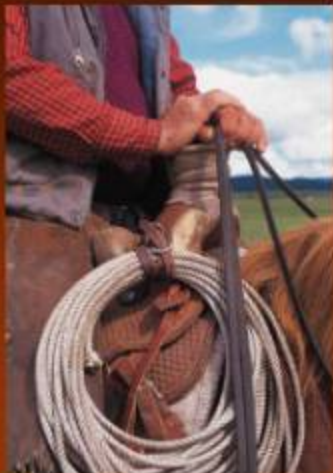


As ranchers we had a choice.

We can dig in our heels and go broke

Or figure out how to live with the wolves.

It's not just the loss of a job.



Most ranchers would have to
relocate to find work.



We will lose our generational
connection to the land.



Our struggling communities will become increasingly impoverished, and the gap between the urban rich and the rural poor will become even greater.



Our open landscapes will become fragmented as ranches are sold as vacation properties.



There will be less locally produced foods and more factory farms.



We will lose the homes passed down to us from our ancestors.



There will be a loss of history
and heritage.



We are going to have to adapt to
a changed world.



We will have to address the social,
economic, and environmental
aspects of these changes together.



We will have to develop new strategies to stay on the land.





We will have to become even
better land stewards.

We will have to monitor our progress.



It is possible
to live with
environmental
changes, and
use them as a
source of
income.



We will have to diversify to insure profitability in economic, social, and political downturns.



We will have to invent methods
for maximizing the income of our
existing operations.



“There will, in time, be more and more citizens who understand that relics of the old West add meaning and value to the new.”

- Aldo Leopold

