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# Making the Best Even Better

By Karen L. Syron

We aren't something special because we've been in operation 32 years. We've been in operation 32 years because we have got something special here. That indescribable "thing" that is the Flying B Ranch experience is at the core of all the decisions we make. So, when looking at our 1994 bar and other fixtures that could probably be considered collectible by now.... we decided it was time for some renovation. But ONLY if we kept the feel of the Flying B Ranch intact. Those of you who have spent time with us know the feeling we are describing. When you walk back in our front doors you get more hugs than handshakes, you sit down at the bar and catch up with your guide like long distance friends do. You may return from the afternoon hunt feeling that good kind of tired, but you walk into the lodge and hit your second wind. Guests and guides are excited to tell their stories of the day, to gather at the bar for a cocktail and good conversation.

That dear old relic is gone and the new bar is ready and waiting for you. It's big, inviting, and a great place for making new memories... much like the Flying B Ranch itself. Not only will guests this Fall enjoy appetizers and drinks around this new beauty, but they can enjoy more bar seating for quality conversation and more big screens for watching their favorite team.



*Above: The original small, rounded bar prior to renovation. Below: The new L-shaped blued pine custom bar with added seating so even more can join in the conversation.*



We thought long and hard about the new dining area flooring. We knew it had to be rustic, warm and inviting, FBR style. Boot scuffs, scratches and divots will only add to the character of this flooring. Phase 2 of renovations will include all new dining room furniture to add to the rustic warmth of these spaces.



*Above Top: Old patio beside the untreated logs on the exterior of lodge after corn-blasting and installation of the new roof, just prior to staining and sealing. Above Bottom: Demo day on the old concrete patio.*

The renovations to the outside were even greater. We corn blasted and refinished the log exterior as well as replaced the old tile roof with a lightweight metal roofing. Where guests will see the most changes outside is in the patio itself with an all new concrete patio ideal for morning coffee and evening bonfires under the stars.

Visiting our upgraded lodge is something to look forward to. Now travel to and from the airport in our complimentary shuttle service will be upgraded too, with an entirely new fleet of shuttle vehicles. It's one more way that we make your experience the best we can from start to finish.

Long time guests that noticed some new carpet and all new guest room furniture last year, will be surprised once again when they see the updates we have made this Summer with our Phase 1 renovations. Plans are developing as to what all will be included in phase 2 of renovations, but you can expect to see more upgrades in 2018. We will put some more time into common areas of the lodge and then proceed with upgrades into guest rooms. And rest assured that any changes we make to the Flying B Ranch you love will be right at home with our style of rustic, warm, and inviting. Or as we like to say, upscale... but not uptight.



*Above: Lawyer Canyon view from our new locally crafted steel lodge sign. Below Left: Check your life-stresses at the curb if you are meeting one of our new fleet vehicles at the airport. Below Right: Completed patio featuring new hot tub and sauna with the same unforgettable views to look forward to.*



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## When Plan B Becomes Plan A.

By Karen L Syron  
Photos courtesy of Tosh Brown

For years now we have discussed our Plan B with guests interested in early season wingshooting. Because of the warm weather at the start of the season, often times we cannot hunt the afternoons if the temperatures are high, because of concern for the safety of our dogs. Being 10 minutes from the Clearwater River and excellent small mouth bass fishing, gave us the ability to fill a warm afternoon with a fun river float and casting for bass.

Last Summer we had a professional photographer out to capture the Flying B Ranch on film. This man has traveled around the world covering the best sporting destinations there are, and he raved to us

about the bass fishing! He couldn't believe that we weren't putting more focus on the phenomenal bass fishing. His comments made us realize that perhaps we were taking our bass fishing for granted, and that although we were used to this experience, that guests would relish this opportunity... and not as an alternative to wingshooting, but as the main event. So what used to be a Plan B became a Plan A and the Fin & Feather combo began.

This unique combinations is an early season variance of our popular Cast & Blast combination which focuses on full days of wingshooting with a full day of steelhead fishing later in the Fall. There are several features that make the Fin & Feather an adventure worth looking at. First, the ability to add an early season trip to your hunt calendar, at a time that also allows for children or grandchildren to join before the start of school. Second, this combination is available before the bottle-neck of Fall, allowing for more great date availability with less advance notice at an exceptional value.

There is a traditional sense that comes along with Fall wingshooting, one more reason for the high demand on Fall dates. Over the last couple of years we have seen an increase in early season wingshooting as more hunters key into the bright side of Summer dates. Guests are always amazed at the quality of cover they are hunting on the season opener and the mixed bag of upland species they are seeing in their early morning hunts. Despite drought conditions over the past several years, dedication to habitat development throughout the canyon has maintained excellent cover right out of the gate, that can be seen from canyon rim to creek bottom.

We know time is what everyone is short on. The Fin & Feather gives one more opportunity to capitalize on the time you have. Cover fishing and wingshooting with a destination that is Orvis Endorsed for both... in the same day? It can be done. Here.





## Chef Says... Grilled Pheasant Salad

By Ryan Nelson

### Dressing:

1/2 cup olive oil, 2 Tablespoons fresh squeezed lime juice, 2 Tablespoons fresh cilantro, 1 1/2 teaspoons diced chipotle in adobo sauce, and one teaspoon fresh minced garlic. Add some salt, pepper, and cumin until it tastes the way you like it. This can be made up to a day or two in advance.

### Salad

Sauté diced onion and bell pepper in a bit of olive oil on medium heat. Add some fresh minced garlic and some water to help keep the mix from burning. Once the onions and peppers have softened and the water has

evaporated, add some fresh corn. I like to soak the corn with the husk on it in water for about 10 minutes and grill it on the barbecue first. It's ok if the husks get a little black. Remove them from the grill and cover them with saran wrap until they are cool enough to handle. Remove husks and cut the kernels off. Canned corn will work just fine, but I love the flavor of fresh corn off the barbecue.

Back to the salad! Add the corn and sauté with the onion pepper mix. Throw in some black beans. You can add salt, pepper, cumin and chili powder to taste. Place in fridge. Once cooled, add to lettuce and mix well. Any mixed greens will work for the salad. Romaine will hold up a little better to extend the crispness if it's not going to be consumed

right away. I also really enjoy arugula. Add some dressing to the mix right before service.

**Pheasant:** Remove the tender attached to the breast and get rid of the silver skin that runs down the middle. Set aside. Lightly pound pheasant breasts until they're the same thickness throughout. Place with the tenders and marinate them with some of the dressing. I like to add more pepper, cumin, chili powder and garlic to the bird. Try to marinate the bird for at least an hour. Grill breasts over medium heat and try to remove them from the grill at about medium rare and place in a container lightly covered in tinfoil to rest. Don't cut into the pheasant for at least five minutes. The residual heat should continue to bring the birds up to

medium and prevent a dry bird. Slice fairly thin and place on top of salad with fresh cilantro and fresh diced tomatoes.

This is a healthy summer salad, but you could add avocados, sour cream, grated pepper jack cheese, crushed Fritos, and/or corn tortilla chips if desired.



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# Autumn

## CALENDAR & NEWS

**Now** in of our 33rd wingshooting season with the same family ownership. There are still limited dates available in November; taking reservations for December through March.

**October 1** - Its the start of the steelhead season for us on the Clearwater River. This season goes through the end of February for us, with limited interruption in the winter depending on water temps. You can steelhead fish with us by the day or add it to a wingshooting adventure for the guest favorite, Cast & Blast Combo.

**October 10** - Opening of our very limited and sold out mule deer rifle season. With a consistent 100% past shot opportunity on these free-range mule deer hunts, the tags went very quickly. Let us know if you would like to be on the contact list for future available

**October 10** - Opening day of our sold out whitetail deer rifle season. We cap harvest on these highly successful hunts to maintain the quality of our deer hunts. We have openings and are scheduling for 2018 whitetail season now.

**December 2** - Mountain Lion season opens. Great dates still available for January through March. A very well known outdoor writer did this hunt with us last season and that feature is expected to go to print within

the year. Why wait to read about it when you can experience it for yourself.

**January 4-7, 2018** - Dallas Safari Club Convention in Dallas, TX. If you are in the Dallas area, send us an email or give us a call, we would love to visit with you while in the Big D. You can see us in the convention at Booth #3626

**January 31 - February 3, 2018** — Safari Club International in Las Vegas, NV. Let us buy you a drink... or dinner! Please reach out if you will be attending the SCI convention, we would love to get together! The show is in a new location at the Las Vegas Convention Center, where you will find us within the Wingshooting Pavilion on a 30' corner booth #4822 neighboring our friends at Shooting Sportsman Magazine.

**April 1** - You can venture into the Selway Wilderness on our wilderness spot and stalk bear hunt with a 2 bear limit and unforgettable views. This is a highly successful hunt and an experience unlike any other. It could be you on the cover next time! See next page for more information on openings still available.

**April 15** - Bear season begins from the Flying B Ranch Lodge. Enjoy the comforts of the lodge while hunting black bear with us. For added adventure, ask about possible Spring Slam combos that could include turkey hunting and/ or salmon fishing.

**May 1st** - We are so excited for this next salmon season, to take you fishing for prized Chinook Salmon along the Clearwater River in our new custom built jet boat.



# Experience the Wild

## Spot & Stalk Bear Hunts in the Wilderness

Our early Spring spot and stalk bear hunts are one that hunters come back for year after year despite being successful the first year, because it is a spectacular hunt. These hunts are highly successful and offer a 2 bear limit with no additional trophy fees on 2nd bears. The camp is located in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness where we have an exclusively outfitter permitted hunting area that is ideal for spot and stalk bear hunting early in the year. These adventures include 5 days of hunting with one of our professional guides and 7 nights total lodging. We provide canvas wall tents with wood stoves and a full time camp cook for the most comfortable conditions to return to after a long day of bear hunting. This area has seen harvest of nearly 40% color phased bears, and bear tags are over-the-counter at a reduced rate of \$41.75 for non-residents. If you have never experienced what a real Wilderness hunt feels like, there is no better opportunity to venture out with our experienced guides and packers into the pristine wilderness of Idaho.

**Dates Available:** April 1st through April 7th, 2018.  
\$4,200 for 2:1 guiding or \$5,200 for 1:1 guiding.

### Hunt Itinerary:

Arrival Day - Stay this night at Flying B Ranch Lodge  
Day 1 - Early morning pack in to Wilderness & bear hunt  
Days 2-5 Spot & Stalk Bear Hunt from camp  
Day 6 - Pack out and return to Flying B Ranch Lodge  
Departure Day

*Below: Guides and guests on the return pack out of camp; the trail follows the National Wild and Scenic Selway River for 15 miles.*

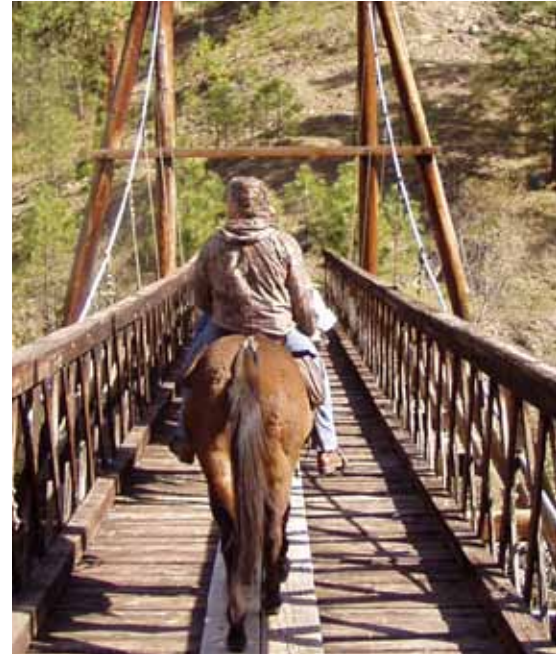
*Right: The same Joe as our cover photo, but this Selway black bear was taken a different year than the hunt shown on the cover.*



*The scenery behind David in this hunt photo gives a small glimpse into the breathtaking scenery that is taken in daily while on these hunts.*

*Right: Riding over the historic pack bridge on the ride in to camp.*

*Below right: Open up your tent to this view from camp.*



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