

Rally to Support the Ranch

February 22, 2020 Update

In just 2 weeks since the flood, it's been a bevy of activity at the Bar M Ranch and Bingham Road. Umatilla County has made road improvements, so we've been able to move from having to access the property on ATVs to regular vehicles! We've been told that road work will continue for a few more weeks.

Accomplishments:

Water and mud have been removed from the Ranch House and a few smaller buildings
The Ranch House floor and ceiling have been stripped and ready for repairs
Numerous work groups of all ages have descended upon the Ranch to help with clean-up and repairs
Tons (and we mean tons) of debris has been collected, piled up, and ready for disposal
Heavy equipment and a professional operator are on site repairing the grounds
The Stempson family has returned and living once again at the Ranch
In-kind donations are being made to help move projects forward such as carpet installation, heavy equipment for much needed grading, grass seed, and cable for the new suspension bridge

God willing, we plan to re-open and serve our guests by mid-March!

The good news:

We've inspected the Ranch and so far, the Ranch House is still the main building in need of repairs plus a few smaller out-buildings. The Barn and all the other cabins are operational.

The property is in need of major regrading and landscape work and the suspension bridge needs to be rebuilt. Most importantly, God is blessing the Ranch and we've had an outpouring of love and support. Thank You!

And the work continues. The Needs:

Wood floor refinishing professional and other flooring materials and installation
Leather sofas for the Ranch House
Gravel, gravel, and more gravel for parking areas and road
Gravel and large rocks for 175' of riverbank restoration
Plant materials and other landscape items
Materials to rebuild the suspension bridge
Volunteer labor

If you would like to volunteer, please go to the Volunteer tab and sign up. You'll receive weekly messages regarding specific tasks and work dates, and you can choose when to help. If you'd like to make a cash donation, please go to the donation tab.

We humbly thank you for your support.

1 Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

Rally to Restore the Ranch

February 10, 2020

The Bar M Ranch has been impacted by the massive flooding of the Umatilla River. First and foremost, the Stempson family is safe and they were evacuated via Chinook helicopter from the property. Though there was flooding to the historic Ranch House and the cable bridge that crossed the river was swept away, many of the other buildings were not severely damaged. Of course, we need time to make a detailed inspection to access the damage and plan for repairs.

Bingham Road, which leads to the Ranch, has sustained major damage so there is limited access to the Ranch. Once that road is repaired, we'll be able to organize volunteers to help with clean-up and repairs. Yes, we will need your help!

Until then, we ask that you to continue to pray for the Ranch. God is doing an amazing work at this special place and we plan to be operational and serving our retreats and other guests very soon.

The Ranch has insurance but no flood insurance. It was not an option to obtain that coverage so repairs will be our responsibility. We are accepting donations to help repair and restore the Ranch. If you would like to donate to this cause select link on the home page.



Moving lots of mud and dirt by hand and machine.
Thank you dale Ainsworth

Bethel Church - Thanks to AJ and his team for working at the Ranch

Calvary Chapel Tri-Cities Youth spend school holiday working at the Ranch