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SCHR Newsletter

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## From The Manure Pile

Those of us in SW Colorado are certainly hoping the winter of 2008 is finally over. On January 6th we received four feet of heavy wet snow, and we are in the "low" country. The storm left most of us without power for three days while others had no power for a week. The storm broke trees, telephone poles, and was impossible to move with our tractor.

Three days later on the 9th we received another three feet. Anyone with equipment was busy with everyone being snowbound, as soon as we got shoveled and plowed out, on the 28th - here we go again. Another storm that brought another three feet of snow.

This part of Colorado has not seen this kind of activity in 100 years! After that storm we asked, are we done yet? Nope. On February 2nd it hits again, and this time it snowed for 4 days. At this point we've had enough. Today is Friday Feb.29th, hopefully mother nature is finished with us, but you just never know!

The horses have been sick of the snow right along with us humans, we used a snow blower to clear some of our pasture so the "children" could go out. Betty ( our Belgian mare) is a regular "Snow Dozer" and leads the pack out to break trail!

Misty, our wonderful old Arabian mare who has had such ongoing problems, is currently in the process of losing her hoof. She seems not to be affected so long as she gets all the apples and loving she can muscle in on (which is always). New hoof growth has started and although we pamper her, she seems unaffected.

Delta was adopted by a local couple and went home Christmas eve. Her surrogate babies laid next to the house and watched for her for about 3 days before they decided she wasn't coming back. Rosalie has been adopted by a couple in Thornton, but moving her over the pass may have to wait till we are closer to spring, as the snow level is a little safer.

Colton has actually grown this winter, and is really looking like a horse. He is exhibiting his health and well being by being a thorn in everyone's backside. What a job title "Spoiling the horses" is!

Attie has white spots showing up here and there. We can't wait until she sheds out, so we have an idea if she will look like an Appaloosa or a Quarter horse. Her mane is thick and curly, so even if she gets many spots, she still has a draft horse mane and tail.

Ms. M has proved that after 20 years of being in 60 acres that when turned out she loves to go on "walkabouts". She will walk all the way to the back of the property and jog all the way back- no energy shortage there. Today she made three trips- what a good diet she has put herself on!

Everyone else is enjoying this much refreshing sunny day, and hoping spring is right around the corner.

We have \$300,000.00 in the property fund, but have not found the right piece at this point. Hopefully spring will bring milder weather and easier days.