



DANIELE (GARNER) PETTEE ON LIVESTOCK HEALTH AND



In a windswept valley

of Colorado's South Park the Pettee Ranch raises domesticated yaks, an animal ideally suited for high-altitude grazing and which provide multiple marketable products. The historic ranch is currently in a renaissance, regenerating the health of its land and water through management techniques like rotational grazing and nutrient management.

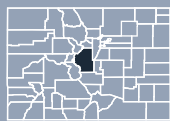
PETTEE RANCH BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs):

- PRESCRIBED/ROTATIONAL GRAZING
- RIPARIAN RESTORATION
- NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT



"Water quality is important to the health of our ranch and it's animals...if it isn't maintained we'll not only lose that, but also the diversity of plants we have and all the wildlife that comes through...other populations rely on this water, too."

— Daniele (Garner) Pettee



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The restoration of a creek corridor using simple techniques that emphasized natural stream processes has created another diversified economic opportunity - trout fishing! By reconnecting a degraded channel back to its floodplain, the restoration project also improved water quality and the health of the riparian vegetation, something that has benefited the yaks — which are allowed strategic access — and the native flora and fauna.

The Pettee Ranch received an award for Excellence in Riparian Management in 2015 and believes in using management practices to not only enhance water quality but to help meet their bottom line.



"Keeping the grass and the pastures healthy makes for healthy animals, and then in return where you're not constantly fighting with sick animals or having to feed them to get up to weight with a bunch of hay or supplement." — **Daniele (Garner) Pettee**



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