

Sara Crews

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Grand Junction, CO

SUMMARY

Dedicated, highly disciplined, and exceptionally gritty Ranch Manager, Range Rider, and Backcountry Instructor with over a decade of hands-on experience in remote operations, livestock oversight, and equine husbandry. Proven track record of operating independently in high-stakes environments, handling heavy workloads without supervision, and managing complex pack strings. Possesses an uncompromising work ethic and zero-tolerance policy for workplace drama, blending top-tier technical ranching skills with the mental toughness required for rigorous, isolated operations. Expert in natural horsemanship, big game tracking, and emergency veterinary care.

SKILLS

- **Backcountry & Packing:** Pack String Management, Complex Gear Packing Techniques, Backcountry Preparedness & Survival, Remote Navigation, All-Terrain Adaptability.
- **Range & Livestock Management:** Mobile Fencing Maintenance (Horseback/Saddle Tool Operation), Herd Management & Range Setting, Cattle Moving, Livestock Doctoring & Feedlot Operations.
- **Equine Husbandry:** Starting Young Horses, Correcting Problem Behaviors, Natural Horsemanship, Barn/Facility Management.
- **Clinical Care:** Veterinary Technician Operations, Emergency First Aid, Vital Sign Monitoring, Medication Administration, Medical Record Keeping.

WORK EXPERIENCE

**BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR | COLORADO'S OUTDOOR
ADVENTURE GUIDE SCHOOL (COAGS)**

Collbran, CO / March 2026 – June 2026

- Instructed students in Basic and Advanced Backcountry Horsemanship, certifying future guides in remote wilderness survival and livestock safety.
- Trained students on complex packing techniques for diverse gear, proper weight distribution, and the safe handling of pack strings in rugged mountain terrain.
- Taught real-world adaptability, demonstrating how to navigate unpredictable trail and weather conditions while maintaining the safety of both rider and stock.

RANCH MANAGER | MIKE GIANNINI CUTTING HORSES

Bellevue, ID / November 2025 – February 2026

- Directed all daily operations of a premier cutting horse training facility, specializing in comprehensive equine husbandry and herd management.
- Executed livestock doctoring and emergency healthcare protocols to ensure peak animal performance and well-being.
- Oversaw business administration, including horse sales, vendor coordination, client invoicing, and professional communication.

RANGE RIDER & HUNTING GUIDE | GB RANCH

Lybrook, NM / September 2024 – November 2025

- Managed remote range operations, moving cattle horseback and executing intensive herd oversight across rugged terrain.
- Utilized advanced horseback fencing techniques, adapting to variable terrain and leveraging the horse and saddle as a mobile tool tote for efficient field repairs.
- Guided wilderness elk hunts, tracked herd movement patterns, conducted bino spotting, and executed field dressing and game packing under demanding environmental conditions.

PRIVATE RIDING INSTRUCTOR (Part-Time)

North Carolina, United States / May 2023 – July 2024

- Developed customized training plans focusing on horsemanship, safety, and goal-oriented skill development.
- Coached students and worked directly with problem horses to improve communication and partnership using natural horsemanship.

WAREHOUSE ASSOCIATE | PARTS UNLIMITED

Lakeland, Florida, United States | December 2018 – June 2020

- Directed inventory management by accurately receiving, counting, storing, and issuing stock under tight timelines.

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN | RIDGE VETERINARY HOSPITAL

Lake Wales, Florida, United States | June 2011 – September 2018

- Administered emergency first aid and managed urgent, high-stress medical situations with efficiency and composure.
- Monitored vital signs, maintained precise medical records, and educated owners on complex preventive care.

LIVESTOCK & TRAINING FOUNDATION

- **Lifelong Experience:** Riding since age 8; deep-rooted commitment to the ranching lifestyle and working horseback.
- **Young Horse Development:** Extensive experience starting colts and addressing behavioral issues through patient, natural horsemanship.
- **Operational Accountability:** Thrives in roles requiring extreme physical stamina, immediate decision-making, and absolute reliability on the crew.

EDUCATION

- **ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE** | Florida State University (FSU) | 2022 – 2023

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- **Husbandry & Assistant Adoption Coordinator** | Hope 4 Horses, Hendersonville, NC | 2010 – 2012