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I'm sad to have to write this letter at all. I grew up helping out and visiting the Pumpkin Patch while living next door (at the old Jellystone Park Campground) and have only fond memories. Even after the Patch moved it was still just as incredible of an experience I was thankful to be a part of. The Chapman's became good family friends who I still keep in contact with today. Getting to spend afternoons leading pony rides and playing with the other animals was one of the highlights of fall when I was younger. I remember it always being an opportunity to learn and experience a lot of things I might not normally have gotten to and I don't want that to be taken away from others. In a culture where children are more frequently encouraged to spend their time on screens, the Colorado Kids Ranch is a preservation of the kind of outdoor, natural experiences kids are supposed to have and I hope that not be taken from them. - Anna Grenier