

## RUSH TO THE BRETT GRAY RANCH

15501 CR 11, Rush, CO 80833

Rider Limit: 60

A (Open, Novice, CP) and B (Sunday Open, Novice, CP)

June 23 and 24, 2018

Please join us for a new NATRC R3 ride out on the Plains, east of Colorado Springs. The Plains have their own unique beauty typified by this 50,000 acre ranch sponsored by The Nature Conservancy. Cathy and Louis Martin are the ranch managers and trailmasters. Brett Gray established the ranch back in the 1930's, and The Nature Conservancy purchased the property in 2007. This is a working cattle ranch devoted to effective, humane beef production that is ecologically kind to our Colorado environment. They manage about 3500 head of cattle. No bicycles, no ATV's, and NO ROCKS!! Most horses can go shoeless. Most of the trails are packed sand.

**Directions:** From I-70, either from the east or west, proceed to Limon. Take CO Hwy 71 south to CO Hwy 94, turn west (right) and go about 5 miles to CR 11 which is between mile marker 45 and 46 on Hwy 94. CR 11 is just west of Horse Creek. Take CR 11 south (left) about 8 miles to the sign designating Brett Gray Ranch. Take that road west (right) a few miles until you get to the ranch headquarters and our campsite. From Colorado Springs and I-25, take US Hwy 24 east until you get to CO Hwy 94 where you continue east through and past Rush to CR 11 which is between mile marker 45 and 46 on Hwy 94. CR 11 is just west of Horse Creek, so you have passed CR 11 if you come to Horse Creek. Take CR 11 south (left) about 8 miles to the sign designating Brett Gray Ranch. Take that road west (right) a few miles until you get to the ranch headquarters and our campsite.

**Camp:** Camping fees are \$30 per rider (not per rig) which requires a separate check to the Brett Gray Ranch at the time of Friday check-in. Arrive as soon as Thursday and leave as late as Monday. Horse water provided. No weed free hay. Cell service is OK at the ranch.

**Meals:** Chuck Smith will be cooking for all riders and volunteers for Friday and Saturday dinner and Sunday lunch. \$30 meal charge for any nonrider/non-volunteer who would like meals. Management will also provide Saturday breakfast and lunch for volunteers.

**Awards:** 1st-6th place as well as Novice and Open Sweepstakes and CP High Point Combo. Novices will also receive ribbons. Rules: Ride will be conducted under current NATRC rules. Distance Only (DO) offered for those who wish to compete in mileage only. Health Certificates and Coggins are required for out-of-state horses. Panels are allowed, but must be attached to the trailer and no larger than 12'X12'.

**Judges:** Vet - Boyd Emond DVM                      Horsemanship - Esther Diaguila

**Entry and Fees:** (These fees do not include the \$30 per rider camping fee) \$120 for Adult Member. \$131 for Adult Non-Member. \$75 for junior member, \$86 for junior non-member. \$105 for Adult member B Ride, \$116 for Adult non-member B ride. \$65 for junior member B ride, \$76 for junior non-member B ride.

**Deposit:** \$50 due with entry. The balance is due at ride check-in (entry and camping). Refunds until June 1 less \$15 administrative fee. Send deposit to Ride Secretary (see below).

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