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The Colorado Independent Cattle Growers Association is pleased to introduce Lorene Bonds of Durango, Colorado as President. “I am honored to be a part of the CICA. The members of this organization are the most amazing and caring ranch people that treasure their beliefs of independence.”

Lorene is a fourth generation rancher whose family homesteaded in southwestern Colorado near the majestic San Juan Mountains in the 1890s, raising Hereford cattle. Her husband Tom’s ranching family settled in the region in the early 1900s. The Bonds continue to pass down their families’ ranching legacies to their three children. They run a 600 head cow/calf Angus and Hereford cross operation on USFS allotments in the San Juan Mountains.

Bonds encourages all members to bring forth their industry concerns. “With input from members and through the direction of board members, the association fights for the preservation of private property rights, for the promotion of beef product safety and health, for resource management and to promote our USA raised beef. We have around 400 members, mostly primary cattle producers. CICA does not have a paid director, but we do have a lobbyist, Totsy Rees Denmen, who has been our lobbyist for about seven years.”

“The most positive aspects of our industry at this moment are the people who are dedicated to producing the best USA beef in the world. The CICA ranchers are very independent folks who treasure their freedoms and their constitutional rights. Ranchers throughout America are people who have lived off the land for generations and value their heritage. They are willing to fight to keep their way of life.”

As CICA President, Bonds is passionate about educating cattle ranchers of their private property rights on deeded and public land allotments. The latter of which many are unaware of their legal

rights. The President's recent veto of a bill that would have overturned WOTUS "will hurt many in agriculture and will greatly have an impact on private property rights."

CICA is a grassroots driven group that strives to protect and promote private enterprise for cattle growers statewide. Founded in 2005, it is a non-profit organization committed to promoting the cattle industry within local communities, the state of Colorado and the nation. "Saddle up and join us on a ride to protect our freedoms as ranchers and to elevate our cattle growing industry."

