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Yesterday while attempting to move the main herd from the center of C ranch over to the project ponds, Ernie jr rode out into the fields on an atv, cutting me off and spooking away the animals, so my operation was essentially ended...he was angry that I had not called him before entering the pastures on C ranch (there were no cattle in that area at the time) (b) (5)

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He lastly brought up the issue of the neighboring ranch's cattle escaping in the past and getting onto C ranch, and attributed that also to elk and to my actions. I tried to explain that I had been repairing fences in the area for some time in cooperation with other ranchers to prevent any cattle escapement and that the incident he was referring to had no involvement with elk nor any of the fencing I had worked with. He argued back at me that he repairs his own fences then chose to cut off the discussion and ride off again at full speed.

We will need to again attempt to move the elk over to the water project area, if they do not soon go on their own, to achieve the goals of the water project. Perhaps we should have a meeting with the C ranch permittees that includes myself to discuss their misconceptions regarding the current elk management work I am attempting and some of the past events they seem to have issue with.