

April 22 meeting at King Ranch

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Members of the RMG group met at King Ranch near Winnett. We went to [Yellow Water Range pasture](#) (must be logged in to view) near one of Roland Kroos's monitoring transect sites and did an [infiltration test](#) and had a good discussion around soil quality. Rick Caquelin gave an outline of the soil biology sampling which should take place in June, and there was good discussion of indicators such as soil organic matter (which Western Sustainability Exchange is doing) as well as infiltration, which covers some of the aggregate stability that is a key indicator of soil health.

Some of the takeaways from the meeting

Meeting formats could be more personal and engaging

More in-person time on the land, what tools work for you

The discussion on the land was powerful. Multiple perspectives, on an infiltration test for example, are enriching.

We should have video taken of some of these things, with editing.


With monitoring and discussion, there is a chance to learn, not just protect ourselves from litigation.

Cliff Montagne supplied the photos and captions below. Peter set up some soil health demos designed to show the influence of soil life and biology on water cycling.

Thanks to the King Ranch (Gari, Chris, and Jay) for hosting and for a splendid noon meal!

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Range Monitoring Group Pilot Project Ranch Conversation Chris and Gari King Ranch, Winnett, Montana, April 22, 2022



Peter Donovan prepares soil stability demonstration while Rick Caquelin, Bill Milto

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