

ROD HAEBERLE BIOGRAPHY

Rod Haeberle was born December 15, 1948. He graduated from Omak High School in 1967. He went to Eastern Washington State College and earned a Professional Accounting Degree in 1972. That fall he was hired by Biles Coleman Lumber Company as an assistant controller to all financial affairs. Crown Zellerbach Lumber Company bought the business in 1974 where Rod Haeberle remained assistant controller of financial affairs and timber accountant.

In 1975 Haeberle returned to his family's cattle ranch. He lead the three generation business into Incorporation and was named Vice President of the family ranch. Rod became President of Haeberle Ranch in 2000. Presently, Haeberle Ranch, Incorporated runs 500 head of black angus commercial cow/calf pairs on 7000 acres of deeded family land and leases 20,000 acres of U.S. National Forest Service, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, and Bureau of Land Management.

Rod has operated a contracted bulldozer on wildfires since 1975. In addition to having extensive firefighting experience he was personally affected by the Okanogan Complex Fire of 2015. Haeberle Ranch lost 100% of its privately owned pastureland and half of their public grazing leases to this year's fire. They have approximately 40 miles of burned fencing and lost 20% of their winter hay storage.