



## **Congratulations Lepley Creek Ranch Cutting NWAB Class Winner – Erin Broadwater**

### **When did you start riding?**

My mom started me in riding lessons when I was 7. I got my first horse when I was 10.

### **When did you become interested in cutting?**

I became interested in cutting about two years ago. I had three barrel/roping prospects and Susan Swamberg told me to “sell them all and go buy a cutter!”

### **When did you start competing in cutting?**

This year is my first year. Briggs Ranch cutting was my first show.

### **Have you ever ridden in any other events?**

Lots! I did high school rodeo, competing in roping, barrel racing and pole bending. I also played around in team penning and even English and jumping when I was younger.

### **Who has influenced you in cutting?**

Susan Swamberg got me hooked on cutting, she has been a great cheerleader.

### **What do you like best about cutting?**

Anyone that has been on a cutting horse knows the rush you get from cutting a cow. The people are also wonderful, they are so encouraging and welcoming. Just great people.

### **Tell us about your horse:**

Smoothlilena is 6 years old.

**Who is the sire/dam?**

Smoothlilena's sire is Smooth as a Cat and she is out of Smart Flo.

**Do you have a nickname for your horse?**

Smoothie is her barn name.

**Is there anything interesting about your horse that you would like to share?**

She has that low-sweeping style that is just fun to ride.

**Who trained your horse?**

Tom Campbell had her in training when I bought her.

**Are you riding with a trainer?**

I'm still riding with Tom.

**Do you have any advice for beginning cutters?**

Enjoy cutting and have fun! Bad runs happen to everyone. The people are wonderful, so get to know as many as you can!

**Tell us about you: Where do you live now?**

I live in Helena, MT. I graduated from Montana Tech with a Bachelors degree not too long ago.

**Where are you originally from?**

I was born and raised in Helen.

**Do you have a job and what do you do?**

I work for the Dept. of Livestock at the state. I would rather cut full time.

**Do you have any other hobbies?**

I like to ropes as well. I also like all outdoor sports and hobbies.

**Do you have a family?**

Parents.

**If yes, do they ride also?**

Mom used to ride when she was younger. Dad has always been more of a motor-guy.

**Is there anything else you would like to mention?**

Cutting has been an enjoyable hobby to get into. The people have been great! I look forward to getting to know everyone!