You just moved onto your new rural property. During your first morning walk to enjoy the sunrise, you notice signs that livestock have been on your property. You find an area in the fence with a broken strand of barbwire.

Since Wyoming is a fence-out state, you have the responsibility as the landowner to fence livestock out of your property.

Fixing a broken strand of barbwire fence is relatively easy with the correct tools.

Checking all fences in the spring for broken wires, missing “T” post clips and staples, and broken or rotten posts is a good idea. If dealing with rusty fencing and other rusty metal, make sure your tetanus vaccination is current. Fixing fence can be quick and easy if you have the right tools. As you periodically check your fences, keep in mind the saying, “Good fences make good neighbors!”

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Insert the free end of the roll of barbwire into one of the loops that was created in Photo 2 and create a loop with this piece to attach it to the broken fence loop.

Here is a completed splice of old barbwire attached to the new barbwire.

After the barbwire is tight, measure the patching piece of barbwire and cut with fencing pliers so that 12 inches or so extend from the stretchers. Next, insert the loose end of this wire into the loop on the existing fence and twist back on to itself four to six times.

Remove the fence stretcher, and you are done. Visit Barnyardsandbackyards.com for a video of this process.