**HRNews Script**

**News Anchorperson**: Good morning, this is Jesse von Evers on HRNews, bringing the Amazon to your front door since April 26, 2012. We are here today to bring to your notice the presence of cattle ranchers in the Amazon. And here is our on-site reporter Zion to educate you about cattle ranchers.

**Zion**: Hello everyone! I am here to tell you about the cattle ranchers in the Amazon rainforest, and I will also be interviewing Brazilian ranchers Eduardo and Quixala from a ranch deep in the rainforest. The Amazon rainforest has many things going on like the loggers, rubber tappers, native Amazonians, settlers and most importantly to us today, cattle ranchers. A few statistics: The Amazon is estimated to be home of one half of the world’s plant and animal species, and the cattle grown there raise an average of about 1.5 billion dollars a year. The areas cleared by the loggers are used by the cattle ranchers, so the cattle ranchers are OK with the loggers. The cattle ranchers first started in 1960’s. they own A LOT of rain forest land.

**Interview #1**

**Zion (Meghan)**: I will be interviewing Eduardo who will be telling us about what the cattle ranchers want in terms of resources and land. Good morning, Eduardo.

**Eduardo**: Thank you. Good Morning.

**Zion**: So what do you, representing the ranchers, want in terms of land?

**Eduardo**: Well, it’s complicated. We need lots of land that's been cleared for the cattle to graze on, but it needs to be turned into land with grass that's good for them. But, we realize that we can't move every month to get good grass again, because we wouldn't have a place to move next after a while.

**Zion:** thank you Eduardo

**Eduardo:** anytime

Anchorperson: now we will be talking to quixala

**Interview #2**

**Zion (Jesse)**: Good morning, Quixala.

**Quixala**: Good morning.

**Zion**: We have come to you here today to ask you about why the ranchers think that the way that they are using land is justifiable. Do you think about the impact on the rainforest when you decide how often to move?

**Quixala**: We take that into consideration when we plan how often to move.

**Zion**: And is there some way that when you run out of land you plan to restore it?

**Quixala**: We don’t think we have made enough of an impact in the Amazon to start to worry about that.

**Zion**: Well, that about wraps up my questions. Thank you very much.

**Quixala**: Thank you. Have a good day.