

Nevada Rangeland Resources Commission was created by the State of Nevada to promote responsible public land grazing. Representatives come from Nevada state grazing boards, Nevada Woolgrowers, Nevada Farm Bureau, and Nevada Cattlemen's Association.

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Nevada ranchers
**Caretakers of our
Rangelands**



COWBOYS AND SHEEPHERDERS PRODUCE FOOD AND FIBER FOR THE NATION. GROWING FOOD ON OPEN RANGE IS A NATURAL BIOLOGICAL PROCESS.

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Looking down from 30,000 feet on Nevada's craggy, arid landscape doesn't evoke an image of what most people think of as rangeland. But this vast and seemingly desolate place as viewed from five miles high actually supports a vital and healthy livestock industry. In an environment which receives an average 7.5 inches of precipitation a year, careful and constant management of these particular rangelands is crucial.

More than 85 percent of Nevada is managed by the federal government under the supervision of the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service, and the military. Because private land is very limited, ranchers need to use some of these public lands, as well as their own, for grazing herds of cattle and sheep. Ranchers are given an allotment and a predetermined number of livestock are allowed to graze at a per-head fee. This has been an agreeable partnership



GRAZING ACTUALLY BENEFITS THE LAND WITH HOOF ACTION AND NATURAL FERTILIZATION. PLANTS ARE HEALTHIER AND REGENERATE FASTER AFTER THE HERDS MOVE TO A NEW RANGE.

for close to a hundred years, with both parties active in managing the land to accommodate many uses such as wildlife habitat and recreation as well as grazing. The health of our rangeland is in everyone's best interest.

Land has always been the foundation of our nation's wealth and the men and women who work that land are the traditional caretakers. Land management and conservation science have advanced greatly over the last decades and modern ranchers keep up, or are



SHEEP OFTEN GRAZE ON STEEP TERRAIN AND CAN CONTROL CHEATGRASS, A MAJOR FUEL FOR WILDFIRES.



ANTELOPE AND OTHER GAME ANIMALS AND BIRDS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE IMPROVEMENTS MADE BY RANCHERS.

in the lead. Carefully grazed rangeland has been shown to be healthier and more productive than ungrazed land separated by only a wire fence. Grazing animals control invasive species and organic matter that fuels destructive wildfires.

Like most of the West, Nevada has been impacted by urban growth, especially by the increased demands on a limited water supply. Natural resources are under pressure so it becomes increasingly critical to manage our rangelands to benefit not only our livestock industry, but the very place we call home.



GRAZING CATTLE AND SHEEP COEXIST PEACEFULLY WITH NATIVE WILDLIFE AND, IN FACT, MAKE A FRIENDLIER HABITAT FOR MANY SPECIES.