

## **Comments about Past PLC President, Truman Julian**

"Truman was PLC President when Secretary Babbitt announced his Rangeland Reform '94 initiative that followed the 'Cattle-Free by '93' sloganeering by industry opponents. He led the PLC effort to bring the industry together for a unified response, including representatives from New Mexico which was not a PLC state at the time. I still recall the Spring 1995 PLC Board meeting with easels and notes scattered about the room, hats off and sleeves rolled up, in a flurry of effort to analyze and address every proposed change to the grazing regulations. I remember Truman's leadership on Capitol Hill to get Sen. Domenici of New Mexico to filibuster legislative efforts to codify changes to the Taylor Grazing Act. A vivid moment, captured in a photo on the front page of the NY Times, was Truman with his boots resting on the desk of Sen. Conrad Burns of Montana as we strategized to defeat this treat to the industry. On a personal note, I had the great fortune to get to know Truman and Marie and their wonderful family at home in Kemmerer --- including several pack trips, separated by too many years, to Lake Alice in the Bridger-Teton NF for some high country fishing for Bonneville cutthroats. I won't forget the fun and fellowship shared around the campfire in a setting that Truman had known and loved for over 60 years. He will be greatly missed."

- Bill Myers, PLC Member

"This week we in the sheep, and Public Lands Industry mourn the loss of former Public Land Council President Truman Julian, as well. It is with a broken heart I need to inform you of the passing of our dear friend, and colleague, last night. Truman, or more appropriately, "T" was President of PLC in the 1990s, during the battles of Rangeland Reform, and we fought many battles, arm in arm, in Washington, D.C., and elsewhere. I can guarantee you everything Truman did, he did with great passion, and always, with the interest of the livestock industry in his heart. Sadly, I have now lost both Presidents under which I served as Secretary/Treasurer of the PLC, as former President, Brent Atkins, passed some years back, as well. Any of us that had the honor of knowing both these men, are definitely made better from having been associated with them. Thus, let us now honor them best by carrying forward their greatest attributes, and the many teachings they have left us. Truman's son, Dave, told me this morning, they hope to hold the funeral the first of next week, and for those who would like to attend, we will get information out, as soon as, it is available. At this time, I ask you to keep Truman's wife Marie, and their family Don, Dave & Trudy, and their families, in your prayers, and in your heart. As this is a very difficult time for all of them In closing, to my dear friend "T", God Speed my Friend, and until we meet again, I will miss you dearly!"

- Mike Guerry, Secretary/Treasurer (1994-1995)