






The definitive voice of federal lands ranching.



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PUBLIC LANDS RANCHERS ARE KEY TO THE VITALITY OF THE AMERICAN AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY AND THE HEALTH OF OUR VAST NATURAL LANDSCAPES.

Since 1968, the Public Lands Council has been the only national organization whose sole mission is to represent cattle and sheep ranchers who hold federal grazing permits. Public lands ranchers face unique political, environmental, and economic challenges, and we work with government leaders and private-sector partners to reach creative policy solutions. Public lands ranchers form the backbone of many rural communities and local economies, while leading the way in responsible and innovative stewardship of landscapes across the West. Public lands ranchers also have a positive story to tell, and we shout it from the rooftops.

OUR 2021 PRIORITIES

Regulatory Certainty. Federal regulations have an outsized impact on ranchers who hold federal grazing permits. PLC supports regulations that respect the role of states, and give ranchers the tools and flexibility they need to continue making a living and conserving open spaces.

Legislative Action. We work with Congress to pass legislation that prioritizes public lands ranchers' role in managing Western natural resources. From wildfire prevention to funds for successful horse and burro management, PLC has strong relationships across the board.

Public Opinion. We monitor the media landscape 24/7 so we can respond to negative stories in the national press, amplify positive stories, and launch proactive multi-media campaigns in support of the issues you care about most.

WE WORK ON

Antiquities Act
Bureau of Land Management regulations
Carbon Sequestration & Soil Health
Conservation Programs
Endangered Species Act (ESA)
Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA)
Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA)
Grazing as a forage management tool
Multiple Use Management
National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
Water
Taylor Grazing Act
Wetlands and Riparian Areas
Wild and Free Roaming Horse and Burro Act
Wildfire Prevention and Recovery
Wildlife Habitat & Migration Corridors

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CONSERVATION *and* SUSTAINABILITY

Public lands ranchers are committed to environmental stewardship. Through responsible grazing and other ecosystem services, ranchers sequester carbon, protect valuable wildlife habitat, and reduce the intensity and frequency of wildfires.

\$14.8 BILLION in ecosystem services provided by cattle ranching in the United States.

APPROX. 250 MILLION acres of permitted grazing on federal lands where ranchers serve as the first line of defense against invasive species, fuel load management and wildfire prevention, and more.

\$150 per acre in offset costs that grazing provides, rather than the BLM paying for manual fuels treatments.

7 MILLION+ acres of grazing improvements to enhance range habitat through the Sage Grouse Initiative.

ECONOMIC ENGINE *and* AMERICAN ICON

Ranching plays a unique role in our American heritage, and is also a vital and viable part of our economic future. Public lands ranching keeps landscapes open for wildlife, recreation, and other uses, while strengthening the security of our food supply chain.

22,000 public lands ranchers in the United States

40% of the western cattle herd spends time on public lands

50% of the nation's sheep herd spends time on public lands

