



THE DEFINITIVE VOICE OF FEDERAL LANDS RANCHING



PUBLIC LANDS RANCHING: ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE, ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARD, WESTERN CHAMPION

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, durable 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.

Our members use the latest technology to maximize the benefits of traditional, successful practices to generate billions of dollars in direct revenue, protect tens of thousands of jobs, and manage hundreds of millions of acres of public land private land across 14 Western states—and beyond.

FAST FACTS

PLC represents cattle and sheep ranchers who hold **22,000 federal grazing permits** in **14 Western states**.

Public lands ranchers manage more than **155 million acres**.

More than **60% of cattle & 53% of breeding ewes** in the West spend time grazing on federal lands.

Grazing saves federal agencies money—up to **\$150/acre**—in management costs.

Grazing reduces the risk of wildfire ignition between 45 and 82%, depending on the ecosystem type.

OUR WORK

PLC protects grazing access, grazing permits, and AUMs through legislative and regulatory advocacy on:

- Protecting **balanced multiple-use management**
- Opposing land **designations** or **single-species management** schemes that restrict management tools
- Promoting grazing's **economic contributions** to rural communities
- Development of **tools for ranchers** to enhance their management on public land private land

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