




# Public Lands Grazing: A Key In Economic and Ecosystem Stability

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Public Lands Council strives to maintain a stable business environment for ranchers with public lands grazing permits, who are the caretakers of the range, the economic drivers of rural western communities, and providers of food and fiber for the nation.



# Grassroots

- Historical knowledge of land, capabilities and limitations
- Vested interest in success of the public lands on a landscape scale
- Committed to long-term results and stability
- Members of the rural communities





# Challenges with Public Lands

- Policy
  - ESA, NEPA, Water Quality
  - On the ground applications
- Science
- Understanding
- Public differs from private
- Multiple Use

# Tremendous Opportunity and Benefits

- Knowledge and capability
- Landscape/watershed key component overall resource health
- Educational
- Partnerships
- Economic Stability



# Public Lands are Key Component Landscape & Watershed Health

- Vested interest in overall success and sustainability
- Water quality and availability
- Weed control
- Partnership opportunities
- Local input gets site specific success



Dynamics /Change is coming  
along.....and brings.....





Partnerships for Success



## Owyhee Initiative Board of Directors

- Owyhee Cattlemen's Association
- Owyhee County Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- Owyhee Farm Bureau
- Owyhee Borderlands Trust
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Wilderness Society
- The Wild Sheep Foundation
- Idaho Conservation League
- Back Country Horsemen of Idaho
- Sierra Club
- Idaho Rivers United
- Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association
- Southwestern Idaho Desert Racing Association

Owyhee County Commissioners and Shoshone-Paiute Tribes ( non-voting members )



Unfragmented Landscapes





Good foundations for strong end results

Opportunity to

Participate  
Share  
Educate =

Win!

Win!





Future brings  
opportunity

Stability in public lands  
ranching offers partnerships,  
long-term commitment,  
leading to overall success





Questions?