

From the Ground Up

Finding and Connecting with Graziers

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Backstory

Cattle had been on this particular property for years prior to my arrival . . .



Try a new strategy . . . Rotational Grazing



- Attend pasture walks and public events
- Attend other education events
- Dept staff Ad-Hoc grazing group

Engagement



- Visit their home farm
- Communicate public land habitat goals
- Understand rancher needs
- Work as a team
- **COMMUNICATION**

Fencing and Water and Cows oh my!



Challenges



- Water
- Logistics & infrastructure
- Finding interested graziers
- Permits/NHI review
- Hydrology/soil
- Staff learning curve
- Research

Opportunities/Successes



- Provide wildlife habitat while grazing for management
- Improved relationships with local agricultural community
- Greater public and agency understanding of grazing as a habitat management tool
- Pasture walks
- Media
- Appreciation for public lands

Department Reaction



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