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OVERVIEW

1. Too much history...not enough sense.
   a. deep historical roots.
   b. cultural differences.
   c. cultural shock.
   d. fierce independence and isolation.
   e. this ain't the first time.
      1. Mr. Ickes and Mr. Carpenter.
      2. Mr. Aspinall and wilderness

2. Poor Choices by Proud Champions.
   a. Wolves?
   b. “Reform”?
   c. State’s Rights/County Supremacy?
   d. Mr. Marvel, Mr. Hewlett, and Mr. Packard as Ranchers.
   e. Grazing Fees.

3. Lost opportunities.
   a. Politics.
   b. Personalities.
   c. Taking ownership of the Problems.
   d. Giving ownership in the Solutions.

4. The fundamentals haven’t ever changed.
   a. biogeographical differences.
   b. local empowerment.
c. multiple use vs. dominant use.

d. budgets are real, so are cattle markets.

e. the public interest.

5. Toward a Sensible, Sustainable approach for the future.

a. The real examples of how to do it exist.

b. Rangeland Reform... to Healthy Rangelands Initiative...to the Public Rangelands Management Act of 1995. What will survive?

c. Win-Win or No Deal. Toward a level playing field.