

R.O.G.E.R.

Results Oriented Grazing for Ecological Resilience

Purpose:

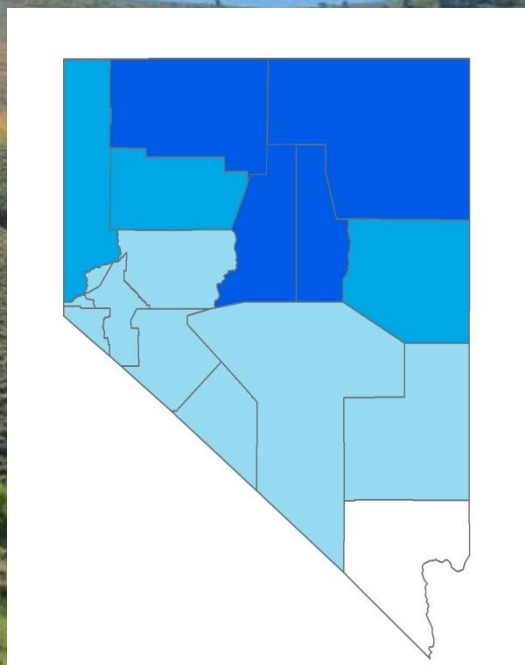
Collaboration among ranchers and agencies to achieve land management objectives that conserve sagebrush ecosystems and support ranching.

-Develop a shared vision of on-the-ground conditions

-Create a common understanding of what it will take to achieve those outcomes

-Identify ways to provide ranchers needed flexibility and take action

-Document and share successes, failures, and lessons learned with this group and others



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Topics

Outcome-based Grazing Demos

- Identify resource objectives and provide means to achieve

Monitoring

- Must be effective, informative, affordable, and applied

Wildfire management

- Explore issues such as targeted grazing, post-fire restoration, post-fire grazing

Adaptive management planning

- Identify and apply suite of management tool and techniques that will help guide management and assess progress (e.g. Grazing Response Index)



Activities To Date

- Selected for and implementing Targeted Grazing Demo projects
- Two ranches selected for BLM National Outcome-based Grazing Demo TPRs
- Initiating research project with USGS, UNR, and Science Applications to explore and develop improved habitat assessment tools.
- Working with collaborative group to address post-fire management and restoration issues (e.g. Martin Creek Fire)
- Conducted training sessions for application of the Grazing Response Index (GRI) on 5 Nevada ranches. Funded through SARE grant and led by UNR.



Future Goals and Resource needs

Future goals:

Continue to pursue collaborative solutions toward sustainable grazing and healthy rangelands

Complete OGB permits that incorporate the tools needed to achieve objectives.

Evaluate outcomes of actions and adjust as necessary

Resource needs:

Continued engagement and commitment by all partners

