The Bureau of Land Management’s Grazing Program

Lands available for grazing

- 245 million acres of BLM-managed public lands
- 155 million acres authorized for grazing

Permits

- 18,000 permits and leases

Economic Contributions

- $2.2 billion total economic output
- 39,000 total jobs
- $600 million total labor income

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The number of livestock permitted does not equal the number of livestock actually grazing on BLM public lands each year because, for example, the same livestock may be permitted for more than one allotment or some allotments may not be used. Also, some allotments will only be used for a limited number of months.

If permittees meet the terms and conditions over the 10-year period, the BLM will renew the permit.

TAYLOR GRAZING ACT OF 1934
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT OF 1969
ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973
FEDERAL LAND POLICY AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1976
PUBLIC RANGELANDS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1978

1 AUM = 1 month of forage for
- Cows
- or
- Sheep
- or
- Horses

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Fees

Public Rangelands Improvement Act of 1978 contains the formula used to determine the grazing fee

$2.11 per AUM

Support rural economies
Preserve open spaces
Provide meat and fiber
Support national economies
Support healthy watersheds, carbon sequestration, recreational opportunities, and wildlife habitat
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Well-Managed, Healthy Rangelands

BLM Budget for Rangeland Management Program: $79.9 million (fiscal year 2014)

Program Funding

BLM grazing program 43%
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Weed management 57%
Rangeland monitoring
Planning
Water development
Vegetation restoration
Wildlife habitat protection

Grazing Fee Receipts
$12.1 million

U.S. Treasury
Range Improvements
Counties

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