



Eastern Idaho Grazing Association Vocabulary and Comprehension Questions

Vocabulary: Revenue, Browse, Stewardship

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2. Why was the Eastern Grazing Association formed?
3. What is the grazing association's main concern?
4. According to rancher Ken Wixom, what has improved the range in Eastern Idaho?
5. Explain a deferred rotation grazing system:
6. List 2 things the association does to increase the carrying capacity of the land and maximize revenue?

7. How did the BLM solve the problem of recreationist complaints about cattle on the Blackfoot river?

8. With this proposal of fencing off the river for recreationists, how many acres did the ranchers lose?

9. According to Ken Wixom, what are 4 benefits of good grazing management and land stewardship?

10. By producing more forage for sheep and cattle, the calves are _____ pounds bigger and the sheep have gone up _____ to _____ pounds.

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11. Revenue:

12. Stewardship:

13. Browse:

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1. There are forty ranching family's that graze livestock in the Blackfoot Mountains, what type of livestock do they graze?

They Graze sheep & cattle

2. Why was the association formed?

It was formed about a century ago, when sheep and cattle ranchers competed for grass. The land was getting overgrazed; therefore they formed the association to manage the number of livestock on the range.

3. What is the grazing association's main concern?

Range stewardship: using rest-rotation and deferred-rotation principles, water development and fencing

4. According to Rancher Ken Wixom, what has improved the range in Eastern Idaho?

Ranchers attention to detail, combined with favorable weather, snowy winters and wet springs, have greatly improved the rangeland.

5. Explain a deferred rotation grazing system:

It allows the range to rest during the growing season

6. List 2 things the association does to increase the carrying capacity of the land and maximize revenue?

Cooperative water development, fencing or implementation of grazing systems

7. How did the BLM solve the problem of recreationist complaints about cattle on the Blackfoot river?

They built fences- blocking the river and developed a water pump for cattle troughs, so that the cattle weren't in the recreationist camping area.

8. With this proposal of fencing off the river for recreationists, how many acres did the ranchers lose?

1300 acres

9. According to Ken Wixom, what are 4 benefits of good grazing management and land stewardship?

Support sage-grouse habitat, more feed for livestock, improved weight gains of cattle and sheep, and leading to more income for ranchers.

10. By producing more forage for sheep and cattle, the calves are 200 pounds bigger and the sheep have gone up 80 to 120 pounds.

Vocabulary: Define each of the following-

Revenue: Income produced by a given source

Stewardship: responsible planning and management of resources.

Browse: to graze, to feed on but not deplete