Can You Have It All?

About 53% of the land in Idaho is classified as rangeland. Rangelands include grasslands, shrublands, open forests, deserts, and any other land not covered by dense forests, rock, or concrete. Idaho's rangelands are very diverse, and mean different things to different people.   How do you value rangelands? How do the people you know value rangelands?

1) Think about the uses of rangelands listed below. Rank your preference for the following uses 1 to 11 (1 = **highest** or **most** preferred and 11 = **lowest** or **least** preferred**)**

Land Use	Examples	Individual Ranking	Group Ranking
Aesthetics	Natural, untouched beauty		
Agriculture	Farming, food production		
Energy Development	Wind, solar, geothermal, coal/natural gas		
Hunting/Fishing	Access and places to hunt and fish		
Livestock Grazing	Sheep & Cattle ranching		
Motorized Recreation	Snowmobile, 4-wheeler, motorcycle		
Native Plant Harvest	Collecting native seeds or herbs for medicine		
Non-motorized Recreation	Skiing, hiking, mountain biking		
Rural Housing Development	Summer homes, ranchettes, lodges, cabins		
Urban Development	Golf courses, shopping malls, suburban homes		
Wildlife Habitat	Elk, Deer, Birds, etc.		

Personal Reflection:

3) How do you compare to the group? Find a way to quantitatively or qualitatively compare your individual rankings with the group rankings. Describe how your preferences compare to the group.

4) What did you rank as the **MOST** desirable use of rangelands? _____.
   - Why do you think this is a good use of rangelands?

   - How do you think you came to see this as good and appropriate? (i.e., where you grew up, activities as a child, views of family or friends, etc.)

5) What did you rank as the **LEAST** desirable use of rangelands? _____.
   - Why do you think this is a poor use of rangelands?

   - How do you think you came to see this as bad or inappropriate? (i.e., where you grew up, activities as a child, views of family or friends, etc.)

6) Do you think **livestock grazing** is mostly good or mostly bad? _____.
   - What would it take to change your mind?

7) Do you think **motorized recreation** is mostly good or mostly bad? _____.
   - What would it take to change your mind?

Your assignment will be evaluated in terms how clearly and completely you have answered each question. Use a professional tone, not personal or casual.