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# Fight to Preserve the West!

## Its Time to Fight Back

Over the years, grazing rights of western ranchers have been significantly impacted by overly burdensome laws and regulations put in place due to the litigious actions of anti grazing extremist activists. With every action the government takes on grazing permits these days, it seems as though our ability to raise livestock in the West is chipped away bit by bit. Well, we've had enough of watching our way of life being destroyed one federal action at a time. Recent actions in Owyhee County, Idaho have proven that now is the time to take a stand!

## How We Got Here

In 1997, 68 grazing permits in Owyhee County, Idaho were scheduled for renewal. In 1999, the U.S. District Court agreed with a Western Watersheds Project (WWP) lawsuit that alleged the BLM violated NEPA in their permit renewal process. Following a settlement agreement, the BLM was required to complete the renewal process for all 68 permits by the end of 2013. After 16 years, decisions are finally being issued. Unfortunately these decisions are altering seasons of use and drastically and reducing grazing, with AUM cuts at astounding and unsustainable levels. Of the 150 allotments within the entire county, 120 are involved in this litigation and permit renewal.

## Why We're Fighting

The decisions are badly flawed. These misguided and narrowly made decisions are affecting the livelihoods of ranchers and rangeland health. Many of the permit renewals called for up to 50% reductions in the amount of livestock that could be grazed. No business, especially ranching, can weather such cuts and still remain afloat in the industry.

## Why This Matters To You

The impact of these decisions, if allowed to stand, will be devastating. This battle is not just an Owyhee County issue. These recent actions only showcase the fact that public lands are no longer being managed based on what they can sustain or their current conditions but rather to appease radical interest groups. It is our chief concern that these actions are meant to serve as a template for the way all western grazing allotments are managed. That's why we must all join in this fight now!

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## Contribute Now and Join the 68 Club!



*These 68 permits represent every grazing permit in the West. The Idaho Cattle Association is committed to help fight this battle to the bitter end, in order to protect and preserve the right to graze public lands. To do so we will need continuing support. Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to our 501(c)3 legal fund today.*

Please indicate which level you'd like to help:

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