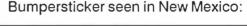
CHAPTER X BENEFITS OF PUBLIC LANDS RANCHING

y now, some skeptical readers may be thinking, "Yeah, maybe most of this book is true. But what about the *other* side? What about public lands ranching's contributions?" In the interest of presenting a more complete picture of the issue, therefore, this chapter is dedicated to public lands ranching benefits.

Public lands ranching:

- Produces 3% of US beef.
- Keeps some people wealthy.
- Keeps some people powerful.
- Helps maintain some people's accustomed lifestyle.
- Helps keep bureaucrats busy.
- Allows us to feel like we are doing something useful with otherwise "useless" public land.
- Requires endless miles of barbed wire fences, which occasionally catch ORVers.
- Provides humans roaded access to every nook and cranny of public land and opens the West to widespread exploitation.
- Reduces groundcover, allowing hikers easier travel and the ability to spot venomous snakes more easily.
- Gives hunters something to shoot at (cows).
- Helps -- ever so slightly -- to preserve "our Western legacy."
- Promotes excessive beef consumption, and thus helps reduce human overpopulation.
- Provides material for Gary Larson cartoons.
- Maintains remote base properties that serve as excellent sites for criminal hideouts and narcotics laboratories.
- Provides an excellent example of how tyrannical, wasteful, and destructive a special interest can be without public awareness or opposition.

We have all encountered much misinformation and many romantic renderings of ranching, but how much real evidence do we have to justify public lands ranching?



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