Welcome from the Chair

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Nevada Rangelands

About Nevada Rangelands

Nevada is a rangeland state, our state flower is sagebrush. With few exceptions (unvegetated playas, large lakes, mountain tops, cities, and a bit of cropland) this most and state supports indigenous or introduced vegetation that is managed as a natural ecosystem. Most of it is either grazed or has the potential to be grazed. Over 250 mountain ranges each vary in their vegetation across differences in elevation, slope, aspect, climate and soils. Major vegetation types include alpine, coniferous forest and woodland, mountain brush, sagebrush (big, low, black and others), low or salt desert shrub, sapsen or cottonwood, willow or alder riparian areas, mountain meadows, marshlands, Mojave Desert types, and introduced grasslands.

7000 miles of rivers and streams mostly flow into closed basins characterized by salt flats, or saline lakes. Only a few escape the Great Basin by flowing to the Columbia or Colorado Rivers.

Nevada rangelands support ranching, most of the nation's wild horses, big game and small game hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, motorized and non-motorized recreation, military training testing, and it is the neighborhood backdrop to most Nevadans, including those whose roots run deep into the earth.

Rangelands West

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