Current Literature of Range Management

This section has the objective of alerting SRM members and other readers of Rangelands on the availability of new, useful literature being published on applied range management. Your recommendations on making this bibliography more useful are requested. Also, the compiler requests readers to suggest literature items—and preferably also contribute individual copies—for including in this section in subsequent issues.


Effects of Reductions in Federal Grazing Permits on Sheep Ranch Value and Borrowing Capacity; by C. Kerry Gee and Danny L. Briskey; 1982; Colo. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. 583S; 8 p. (Agric. Expt. Sta., Colo. State Univ., Fort Collins, Colo. 80521) This study provides information on market value of federal land grazing permits and the economic consequences grazing permit reductions have on sheep ranch values and on borrowing and loan repayment capability.


Plant Materials for Use on Surface-Mined Lands in Arid and Semiarid Regions; by Ashley A. Thornburg; 1982; USDA, SCS-TP-157; 88 p. (Supt. of Doc., U.S. Govt. Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402) Describes the characteristics, areas of adaptation, and performance of plant materials (grasses, forbs, and woody plants); includes recommendations for species selection, use, establishment, availability, and management techniques.


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**Legislative Log**

The 97th U.S. Congress worked through their July 12th to August 19th period, after which they will recess until September 8th. In their summer session they were faced with reconciling their proposed budget. Since this resulted in a more than 100 billion dollar deficit additional taxes were proposed to reduce the deficit for 1983 through 1985. It appears that the proposed budget and increased taxes will be approved. Committee work will continue on the various Departmental and Bureau budgets but there is no certainty as to when they will be passed.

Time is running out on this Congress. When they return on September 8th they will have until October 8th, the adjournment target date, for completion of a large volume of work. This has led to some speculation as to a lame duck session in November and December but it is too early to tell.

Some important natural resource legislation follows:

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<td>S-2309 and H.R. 6133</td>
<td>Reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act. The bills are similar. They include changes to encourage restoration of endangered species, streamline the listing and delisting processes, expedite consultations among federal agencies, require less information for export of certain animals and reauthorize funding for the Act for three years.</td>
<td>On June 8th the House passed H.R. 6133 to reauthorize and amend the Endangered Species Act without further change and without opposition. On June 9th the Senate passed S-2309 with two minor floor amendments but, again, without opposition. Differences between the bills are being reconciled by House and Senate Subcommittee staff for either a conference committee or for renewed floor consideration of a compromise bill.</td>
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<td>H.R. 6530 and S-2133</td>
<td>Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Area. The bills direct acquisition of all state and private land, within the volcanic area, by exchanges plus other usual provisions.</td>
<td>H.R. 6530 was reported to the full Agriculture Committee on June 8th and designates a 115,000 acre area. The House Public Lands and National Parks subcommittee took a similar action on June 14th and reported a 115,000 acre proposal. Both reported on June 23rd. On June 16th, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee reported an amended version of S-2133 amended version designating a 105,000 acre area. There are differences that presumably will be resolved yet this session.</td>
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