



Ranchers and Recreationists Activity

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Subject: Social Studies	Grade Level: 5 th

Overview	Students will watch an internet video and fill in the blanks on a worksheet about two groups of people who use Idaho's rangelands.
Goal(s) & Objective(s)	Students will describe what rangelands are. Students will list people who utilize rangelands.
Materials	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Computers with internet access or 1 computer with projector for the whole class 2. Copies of worksheets 3. Pen or pencil
Teaching Activities: <i>Instructional Approaches/Strategies</i>	<p>Introduction:</p> <p>Direct students' attention to the T diagram and the questions. Ask students to answer the questions, and as they answer, record their responses. Emphasize that they should say what they think, even if they are not sure they are correct. Students can record the class's responses as notes, or on the T diagram worksheet provided.</p> <p>Procedures</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Let students know they will now get to compare their answers to what experts say. 2. Show Part 1, What are Rangelands? from the website below, or have students view with a partner on a computer. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3GPPtHTj8tY&feature=youtu.be 3. Distribute Activity worksheet "What are rangelands?" Utilizing the <i>cloze</i> method students will use the information they gathered to fill in the missing blanks. 4. After 4-5 minutes of working with a partner, show the video again for students to reinforce learning and check their answers. <p>Closing:</p> <p>As a class, discuss the T diagram from the beginning. Change listed items as necessary, or add to the diagram.</p>
Assessment:	Students should be able to state that rangelands are natural areas of land that is not irrigated, farmed, or densely forested. They should also know that ranchers and recreationists are two groups that use Idaho's rangelands.

Background: Multiple use is an important current issue regarding public lands. Ranchers pay fees to use the land, yet recreationists still have the ability to use the same land within established rules. This is a workable situation, yet it takes effort and patience from both groups. Draw a T diagram on the board ahead of time with titles “What are rangelands?” and “Who uses them?” Worksheet #1 is a copy of the class T-diagram, but may be copied for each student. Have copies of Worksheet #2 for each student.

Attachments:

T Diagram

What Are Rangelands Worksheet & Key

[Ranchers and Recreationists Worksheet #1](#)

What are rangelands?

Who uses the rangelands?

Ranchers & Recreationists Lesson Plan 2

What are Rangelands?

_____ are natural areas that typically have low amounts of precipitation which are not irrigated, farmed or densely forested. Nearly _____ of the State of Idaho are rangelands, which include sagebrush grasslands, desert shrublands, and mountain meadows. Rangelands are beautiful, open places for people to enjoy _____ recreation, forage for rancher's _____, and habitat for the fish and _____.

Rangelands are important workplaces and important grazing lands for sheep and cattle _____.

Although half the state is rangelands, 80% of the rangelands are _____ lands and 20% are _____ lands.

Biking, hiking, _____, hunting, and ATV riding are some of the activities out door recreationists enjoy on these same lands. It is very important for recreationists to always ask _____ before entering private lands. _____ may be obtained from the local BLM office to find information on land ownership. Recreationists should obtain and carry a permission _____ from the owner. Trespassers may lose their hunting privileges for up to one year.

Look for CARE/SHARE _____ when enjoying outdoor activities. They remind us that there is plenty of _____ on Idaho's rangelands for all of us if we take care of the land and treat each other with _____.

outdoor	80%	ranchers	slip	respect	livestock	maps	wildlife
20%	posters	rangelands	camping	half	room	permission	

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Look for CARE/SHARE **posters** when enjoying outdoor activities. They remind us that there is plenty of **room** on Idaho's rangelands for all of us if we take care of the land and treat each other with **respect**.