Table 2a. Mean organic carbon (%) and mean organic matter (%) for the A horizon of the Dutchwoman Butte relict (ungrazed) and the Whiskey Tank (grazed) sites. Individual samples were composites of four sub-samples randomly selected over the site and total 24 samples per site

Dutchwoman Butte, sample ID	Organic carbon, %	Organic matter, %	Whiskey Tank, sample ID	Organic carbon, %	Organic matter, %
DWB-1	1.907	3.24	WT-1	2.355	4.00
DWB-2	2.885	4.90	WT-2	1.897	3.22
DWB-3	1.782	3.03	WT-3	1.787	3.04
DWB-4	2.404	4.09	WT-4	2.396	4.07
DWB-5	1.959	3.33	WT-5	1.499	2.55
DWB-Pit	2.912	4.95	WT-Pit	2.993	5.09
Mean		3.92	Mean		3.66
SD		0.855	SD		0.910

Letter to the Editor

Editor's note: this letter is in response to the Rangelands June 2008 issue on rangelands and climate change.

To the Editor:

I seem to remember being chastised last year for my article on sage grouse since I used empirical data. Disgusting for a scientific society. And now, we have an entire issue using politically correct empirical data, based on advocacy science. Your readers may wish to go to <http://www.noaa.gov> for actual global temperatures for the past twenty-some

years. No trend up or down. For 219 million years of record see www.ncdc.noaa.gov/paleo/image/vostok.t.gif.

The articles should have been slanted that while there is only 0.7 degree global warming, it is politically correct to go ape, so ranchers, get your ducks in a row to cash in on carbon credits!

After viewing the Vostok data, one wonders if we should be preparing for a new ice age. Now that will be a challenge!

Cheers.

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