

# Letters to the Editor

Editor (Gary Frasier):

Elaine Grings writes an excellent article and makes an excellent point in her article entitled “The Language of Rangeland Science,” *Rangelands*, April 2006, pp. 36–37. It is a point which is commonly forgotten and, in my experience, exacerbates conflict, particularly the word “condition.”

Thank you *Rangelands* for sharing it with us.

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Dear Gary,

I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciated your April issue, and the book review you did for *Beyond the Flames*. I also appreciated your giving me the opportunity to write 2 articles (thoughts on fire and our experience with the fire on our range) for that issue.

Also, my husband and I very much appreciated your editorial, and your own comments, which very appropriately set the stage for the theme of the issue. Those of us (like yourself, losing your father) who have experienced the terrible power and tragic consequences of fire have a great respect/fear of this awesome force of nature, and a totally different perspective than people who have never personally encountered what fire can do.

Thanks again for your efforts in creating this special issue. If it gives people more things to think about when considering fire (either as a tool for land management or better/safer ways to control an unwanted fire) it will have done a great service. Fire is never something to be taken lightly.

We certainly commend you on producing this special issue of *Rangelands* and plan to share it with many of our friends.

Best wishes for a good summer.

Sincerely,

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P.S. The photo for the cover turned out well. One small correction: this was a photo of the Twelve Mile fire (in which our daughter was burned), not the Withington Creek Fire, but it is not important, just an insignificant error.

*Editor's Note: We regret that the cover photo was mislabeled. When submitted the photo was correctly labeled.*