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Frasier's Philosophy

Rangelands are physical features of our natural resources that most of us can identify when we see them. At the same time "rangelands" is one of the most difficult features to describe so all will have a common understanding of what we mean. It is very difficult to come to a common terminology that all can subscribe to. There have been many hours of discussion devoted to this topic within the Society for Range Management as well as outside the Society. The problem becomes more complex when we consider rangelands from other parts of the world with different cultures and lifestyles.

In this issue of *Rangelands*, we are presenting an International theme of rangelands from around the world, both in picture context as well as the more familiar articles. Several of the articles describe parts of the world I did not know existed. You will find there is an underlying message in the articles indicating that in many areas the land resource has been overused and abused in the past, but that there are now major efforts to return the land to a sustainable condition. In many respects we are at the dawn of solving the problems of rangeland management, especially in countries outside the United States. Our job as range management professionals returning the land to a functioning entity is a long way from ending.

Some of the themes for upcoming issues of *Rangelands* are "Improvements," "Working Rangeland Landscapes," and "Youth." We hope you will find them of interest. ◆

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