

PANEL DISCUSSION - COMMUNITY COHESIVENESS: RESHAPING RANGE MANAGEMENT TO BENEFIT LAND, WILDLIFE, AND PEOPLE^{TWS}

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"The times they are a-changin" is and will be a commonly used refrain for many Montanans in the 21st century. Unknown change represents what many long time residents fear most about Montana's future. The traditional ways of life and earning a living in Montana are being subjected to many stresses that affect the operational environment of ranchers, as well as federal, state, and local government agencies like the Bureau of Land Management, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, and county conservation districts. Our society is

evolving more rapidly than we all might like, in part due to technology, or to immigrants with different cultures and traditions, or to economic necessity from resource degradation, international trade and market demands, and other factors such as environmental regulation. How do we deal, and how are we dealing with these changes as they affect our rangelands and their management? What alternative strategies are there to consider when addressing such changes to Montana's rangelands that affect wildlife populations and people?