Western History Rediscovered


This is an important and unique contribution to contemporary western history, and it is an extensive bibliography, guide to acronyms, glossary, and a really comprehensive index. This way, what the forces of resistance are, and what happens when people with a conscience just that public lands ranching is bad (we probably knew that already), but why it happens also some surprising victories.

Harvard and Oxford only to become an anti-grazing activist in Utah. Nor is this a story of to send an alligator back from Arizona (!) to Florida; the classics scholar who graduated from helicopter to avoid being fined for overgrazing; the teacher who helps his class raise money to buy a snow machine so he can get an audience to see a one-man show about the effects of overgrazing; the enterprising government employee actually tries to do their job, only to feel the political pressure from Congress or from the local ranching community to do something else. Agencies as the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Forest Service as well as people on both sides of the governmental fence, including government employees in such agencies as the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Forest Service as well as activists in such groups as the Sierra Club and the Wild Horse Spirit Sanctuary. The resultant active coverup.

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**Big Changes in the Clair Tappaan Lodge Committee**

July 2006 marked the beginning of Ernie Malamud’s term as Chair of the CTL Com. He assumed direction of the Committee at a time when the Clair Tappaan Lodge (CTL) was under threat of being sold by the Sierra Club because of continuing large annual deficits. At the end of his first half year, the deficit was $106,000.

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The Lodge has announced an Outings program and is recruiting Outings Leaders to become certified CTL Outings Leaders to supplement CTL staff’s weekly outings. Staff is currently leading snow outings - snowshoe, cross country and backcountry ski tours. A full moon snowshoe trek is scheduled for March 21. For details, see the web site at www.clt.sierraclub.org/outings/ lodges/ctl/contact.asp. With the series of huge winter storms hitting the Sierra, our CTL Lodge is showing that, while it is beautiful all year long and has other uses, it still is a great place to experience the snow.

Last year Ernie spearheaded the Committee to produce a comprehensive and professionally produced Five-Year Strategic Plan, which was published in August 2007. A few copies are still available at $22.50. At its November 10 quarterly meeting, the CTL Committee started to implement the steps outlined in the Strategic Plan by setting priorities. They agreed that the highest priority for increasing occupancy was to improve the path to the South entrance. A group of committee members has been researching various possibilities that would make the approach less intimidating to guests. Each possibility must be researched for financial data to help us decide the next step. The committee could use help in this phase and also later when we begin to make the changes to improve the pathway. We will need general and construction volunteers, donated supplies and loaned equipment. Will you help us?

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