

Objectives of the Cowboy Logic Stewardship Network

- Provide an outlet to learn from the trials, triumphs, and experiences of successful ranchers
- Open the door to grass management experts
- Facilitate the exchange of alternative and different perspectives
- Help forge and share new ideas among participants
- Establish a grassroots effort to share and discover common objectives and goals

Steward Areas of Expertise

Each of the Cowboy Logic Stewards has identified the areas they feel most comfortable sharing about from the following list of topics. The selected topics are identified in each steward's bio.

1. Goal setting/decision making
2. Monitoring resources and record-keeping
3. Drought management
4. Grazing management strategies and systems
5. Economics of grazing management
6. Grazing annual forages or crop residue
7. Water and fence development/placement
8. Livestock movement and handling facilities
9. Complementary grazing/supplementation
10. Using livestock as a management tool
11. Wildlife habitat and hunting enterprises
12. Plant and animal pest management
13. Marketing
14. Labor management
15. Self-assessment/stress management

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COWBOY LOGIC STEWARDSHIP NETWORK

Sharing Ideas Among Producers



The Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition is an independent organization of ranchers, interest groups, and agencies whose mission is to collaborate on projects that improve the management and health of Nebraska grazing lands and ensure long-term stability of rangeland resources. The NGLC is funded through grants from the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Nebraska Environmental Trust, the Nebraska Rural Development Commission and the Sandhills Task Force.

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“I’ll hopefully keep learning every day for the rest of my life, sharing Cowboy Logic.”

- Lynn Myers,
founding Cowboy Logic steward



What is the Cowboy Logic Stewardship Network? —————

The Cowboy Logic Stewardship Network is a program to develop the exchange of ideas and successful practices in ranching, grazing lands management and conservation.

Administered by the Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition, the Cowboy Logic Stewardship Network offers a list of ranch owners and managers who have been nominated by their peers for successful work in conservation and stewardship, and who have volunteered to provide guidance and council to interested individuals — including other ranchers, farmers, landowners, agency personnel, or youth and college students. While these stewards are the first to admit they don't know all the answers, they are willing to share their experiences in the business and share perspectives.

With the goal of creating long-term working relationships, mentorships, internships or exchanges between participants and these established stewards, the Cowboy Logic Stewardship Network is open to anyone who wants to get involved, learn from others and share ideas.

The list of established Cowboy Logic Stewards always has room for willing participants. If you know of someone who should be included, contact the NGLC Coordinator to nominate him or her.

How can I benefit? —————

The opportunity of an “open door” to work side-by-side and learn from successful conservation leaders and business managers is invaluable in today's society.

Participants involved with the Cowboy Logic Stewardship Network have gained knowledge and insight from working with established, successful ranchers and landowners, and developed partnerships that have lasted for years. In several cases, landowner participants have developed “exchanges” where they routinely visit each other's operations to observe, ask questions, and share ideas about management and stewardship practices. Both parties say they have greatly benefited from observing other operators and from explaining their own practices to someone else.

NGLC will reimburse partial expenses for participants involved with the Cowboy Logic Stewardship Network, including mileage and travel costs for steward exchanges, as well as limited conference registrations. Participants are required to demonstrate ways they have shared the knowledge they gained with other people or organizations. Funding must be approved through the NGLC board, and is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

How do I get involved? —————

If you feel you can benefit from the Cowboy Logic Stewardship Network, and take what you learn to improve your farm, ranch, business or organization, we invite you to get started by visiting www.cowboylogic.org to complete the following steps.

1. Review current Cowboy Logic Stewards

Take a look at the current list and bios of established Cowboy Logic Stewards, and see if there is someone who has expertise in an area you are interested in, or someone you would like to learn from.

2. Fill out one-page application

Describe in several simple questions your ideas and needs, including what you hope to learn and who you plan to work with. Upon completion of the project, summarize how you used the information or shared it with others.

Funded proposals do not have to be tied to a person or persons on the list of established stewards, however, these projects are given preference. The ultimate goal of any successful project will be to increase knowledge of grazing land conservation and use or share that knowledge with others. Applications can be pre-approved before an event, but reimbursement is contingent upon completion of the application after the event.

3. Work with NGLC Coordinator

Submit the application to the Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition one month before the planned exchange or event and the coordinator will contact you to discuss funding and ways to initiate your project.