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Articles in *Patterns of Choice* and on the web

Range productivity, rest, and desertification

Allan Savory with Jody Butterfield, *Holistic Management: A New Framework for Decision Making* (Island Press, 1999). See also www.holisticmanagement.org

From Savory CTR's website

Nothing has generated as much controversy in the development of holistic management as the use of large herding animals as a tool in land restoration and management, though in recent years the controversy has subsided.

Early references to the positive role of animals, at least in pasture management, are contained in the writings of Andre Voisin, *Grass Productivity*, first published in 1959 (and reprinted by Island Press, Covelo, California, 1988) and *Better Grassland Sward*, 1960, both Crosby Lockwood & Son Ltd., London.

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Bell and McNaughton, in particular, draw attention to the importance of large herding ungulates on the grasslands of East Africa (largely brittle environments). In all cases, unfortunately, the role of herd behavior and predation was missed. McNaughton theorizes that the herding ungulates, in some manner, learned that their concentration produced a more palatable form on the grass plants upon which they fed and thus the herding/moving pattern developed.

Allan Savory, on the other hand, suggests that predators produce the tendency to concentrate, and that concentrated dung and urine deposition

produces the tendency for animals feeding close to the ground to move. Where large predators have been removed, their prey remains scattered more often and more widely and become more static. Scientists are already beginning to understand the co-evolution of herding herbivores and grasslands and will undoubtedly also come to understand that predators were vital components too.

The research of Iain Gordon and Patrick Duncan indicates that the impact of large herbivores is greater than we realized, even in less brittle environments. They report the loss of species diversity in European wetlands with the removal of livestock.

Horse handling

Ed Techick, *77 Years with Horses*, videotape series 2001. Stockman Films, Arco, Idaho 83213; phone 208-527-3182.



Ed Techick and "Latigo".

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