

The Utah Cattlemen's Association (UCA) recognizes that the issues surrounding cattle removal in Clark County, Nevada are complex and have been contentious for many years and involves several issues.

1. The root of the current controversy goes back to the action taken by the federal land management agencies when they used the Endangered Species Act as a reason to reduce grazing and remove cattle from the grazing allotment, giving land management preference to the tortoise over the permitted grazing use. The Utah Cattlemen's Association opposes the Endangered Species Act as it is now written and enforced and supports the action in the US Congress to amend the Act.
2. The Utah Cattlemen's Association recognizes county ordinances, state laws, and federal laws. We support the concept that the government closest to the people is a government that is heard and ran by the people. We oppose the federal government from taking any action of usurpation of any state or county sovereign rights within the local government boundaries.
3. The Utah Cattlemen's Association supports the mandate in the Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA) that requires the Secretary of Interior to coordinate all law enforcement through local sheriff departments.
4. The Utah Cattlemen's Association opposes both voluntary relinquishment and conservation retirement of grazing allotments or AUM's. UCA encourages county and state governments, as well as the BLM, to keep grazing allotments and animal grazing AUM's in beneficial use by bona fide livestock operators as outlined in the Taylor Grazing Act.
5. The Utah Cattlemen's Association supports the full implementation of the Transfer of Public Lands Act in the State of Utah in order to protect the state's cultural and economic vitality. The transfer of management will preserve the important historical and cultural contributions that our public lands provide to the state of Utah, the nation, and the world.
6. The Utah Cattlemen's Association is opposed to the removal or reduction of livestock from rangelands as an option or tool to mitigate impacts of other uses. We support the concept of multiple use of public land and request that one use of the lands not be given preference over other permitted uses.
7. The Utah Cattlemen's Association recognizes Utah law that says no person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property, without the due process of law. We support responsible law enforcement which protects the individual citizen and private property rights, under the Constitution.
8. The Utah Cattlemen's Association recognizes the private property rights of ownership of cattle. We require that any agency involved in this process, recognize and respect those private property rights.
9. The Utah Cattlemen's Association has met with and requested to state government and federal agencies that the cattle in question not be transported across state lines. In the event that the cattle are transported, we demand that all legal requirements for transportation, brand inspection, and animal health and welfare be observed. The task of ensuring compliance falls under the responsibilities of the states involved and the requirements must be met by the BLM.
10. The Utah Cattlemen's Association recognizes that this issue has generated a great amount of emotion and discussion on other issues such as the over-population of wild horses and burros

on public as well as private lands. We support the action taken by several county commissions in Utah to address the wild horse issue, and demand that the BLM work with the local county commissioners to address the federal government's obligation to manage the wild horses and burros at the levels established in the management plans.

11. The Utah Cattlemen's Association has met, and continues to meet with the BLM, the State of Utah, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, Utah Attorney General's Office, the Utah Congressional Delegation and any other agency or avenue that we can to resolve these conflicts.

The Utah Cattlemen's Association is a membership organization that works to represent our association members' issues in the legislative and regulatory arena, provide educational information and assist with industry networking opportunities.