

RANGELAND IMPROVEMENT

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
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BUDGET BRIEF

SUMMARY

The Rangeland Improvement line item accounts for the funding from the Rangeland Improvement restricted account, which provides the funding for the projects administered by the Grazing Improvement Program (GIP). The Rangeland Improvement funding is to be used for:

- range improvement and maintenance;
- control of predatory animals;
- management or extermination of noxious weeds;
- purchase or lease of lands for the benefit of a grazing district;
- watershed protection and improvement; and
- the general welfare of livestock grazing within a grazing district.

For FY 2014, the Analyst recommends for the Rangeland Improvement line item a total budget of \$1,491,300.

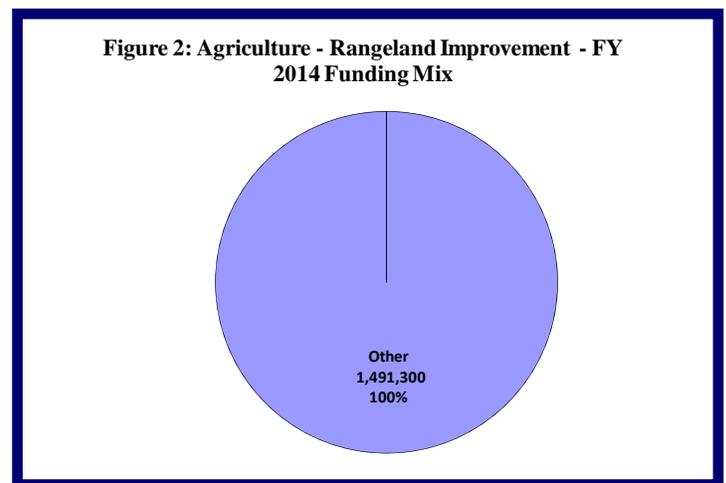
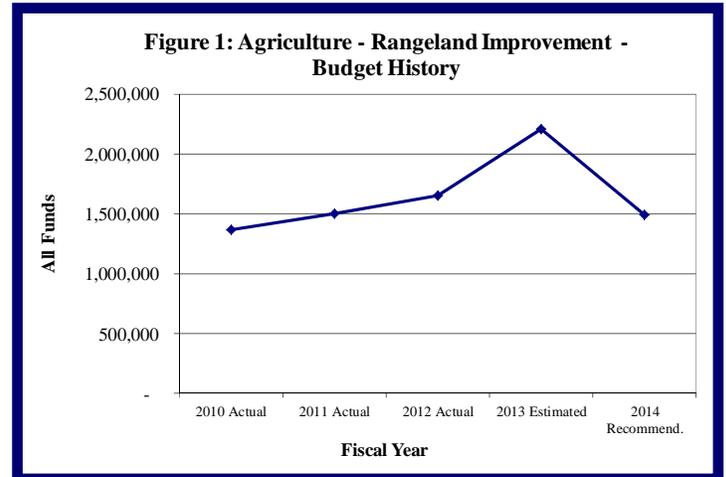
Taylor Grazing Adjustment

Since the 1930's, the Federal government has been requiring ranchers utilizing BLM lands for grazing purposes to pay a fee for the use of that land (Taylor Grazing Act, 43 U.S.C. Section 315 et seq.). The fees collected were divided among the federal government, state government, and the grazing districts within each state. This funding is referred to as Taylor Grazing funds.

UCA 4-20-2(1)(b)(i) requires these funds, which are to be divided among the grazing districts, to be deposited in the General Fund Restricted - Rangeland Improvement Account. Due to recent changes in the nature of this restricted account, which now requires legislative appropriation, the agency is requesting an increase of the total appropriation in order to distribute the Taylor Grazing funds as required by state and federal law. The Analyst recommends the Legislature fund this request by appropriating \$145,000 ongoing from the restricted account.

Intent Language

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for Rangeland Improvement in Item 29, Chapter 6, Laws of Utah 2012, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2013. Expenditures of these funds are limited to rangeland improvement projects \$1,346,000.



BUDGET DETAIL TABLE

Agriculture - Rangeland Improvement						
	FY 2012	FY 2013		FY 2013		FY 2014*
Sources of Finance	Actual	Appropriated	Changes	Revised	Changes	Recommended
GFR - Rangeland Improve	1,428,700	1,346,300	0	1,346,300	145,000	1,491,300
Beginning Nonlapsing	1,085,300	0	860,000	860,000	(860,000)	0
Closing Nonlapsing	(860,000)	0	0	0	0	0
Total	\$1,654,000	\$1,346,300	\$860,000	\$2,206,300	(\$715,000)	\$1,491,300
Programs						
Rangeland Improvement	1,654,000	1,346,300	860,000	2,206,300	(715,000)	1,491,300
Total	\$1,654,000	\$1,346,300	\$860,000	\$2,206,300	(\$715,000)	\$1,491,300
Categories of Expenditure						
Personnel Services	28,600	0	14,300	14,300	0	14,300
In-state Travel	2,100	0	2,100	2,100	0	2,100
Out-of-state Travel	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0	2,000
Current Expense	5,300	0	5,400	5,400	0	5,400
DP Current Expense	58,400	0	110,800	110,800	0	110,800
Other Charges/Pass Thru	1,557,600	1,346,300	725,400	2,071,700	(715,000)	1,356,700
Total	\$1,654,000	\$1,346,300	\$860,000	\$2,206,300	(\$715,000)	\$1,491,300
Other Data						
Budgeted FTE	0	0	1	1	0	1
Actual FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0