

Preserving Our Rangelands- Managing what's there, replacing what's not.

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Learning from the Past

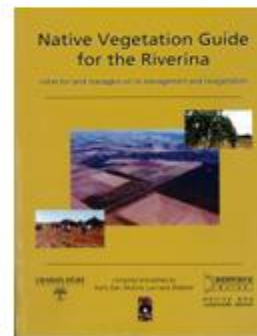
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Be realistic- work with what you have!

Know what you are trying to achieve

- Vegetation guides- vegetation community, species & genetic quality targets



Look at Opportunities- setting objectives & site selection

- Site Selection Objectives-
 1. **Biodiversity**
 - More diverse/ less resilient to grazing
 2. **Production/ resilience**
 - Good perennial composition
 - Less diverse/ more productive & resilient to grazing

Target your best areas first-

- Where possible control/ manage grazing according to vegetation/ soil types
- Fence areas if cost effective in management
- Relocate water points- troughs & poly pipe
- Allow rest & regeneration see whats there
- Add whats missing- seeding/ planting/ root cuttings
- Things will volunteer in & it will get better with time

Increase Perennials & Cover

- More diversity in perennial grass (& shrubs & forbs) means more \$ (biodiversity does make money!)
- Manage for more biomass- its mostly all feed! & provides cover for new growth
- Let areas seed down- aim for long/ timely rest on at least some areas
- Keep weeds in check
- Annuals are important





Getting the Right Gear





Getting the Right Seed



Getting Enough Seed



Getting it Done !

