



Domestic Sheep Grazing on the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest

Stakeholders Meeting
August 1, 2016
Ellensburg, WA

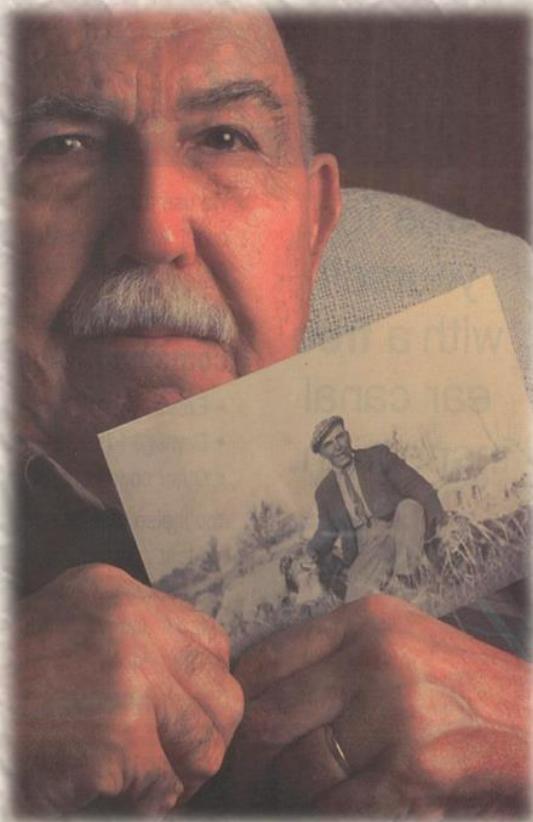
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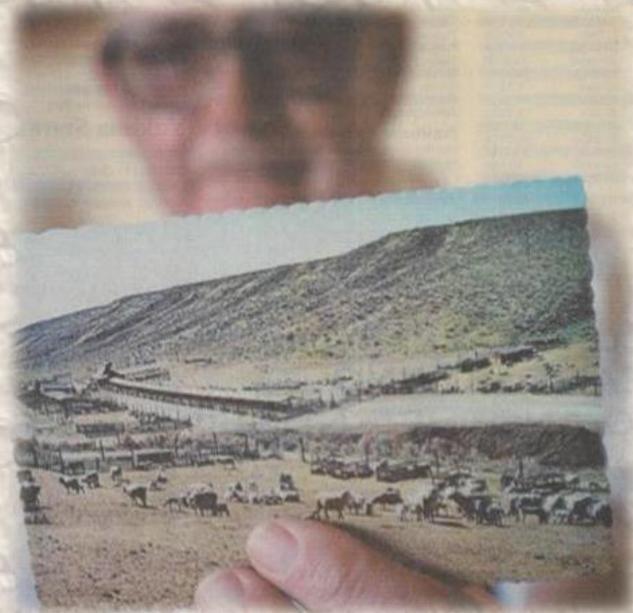
Domestic Sheep Grazing in Eastern Washington



Domestic Sheep Grazing in the Yakima Valley and Vicinity



VICTOR ROBERT



JIM FLETCHER



S. Martinez and Sons



Simon Sr. with daughter Dolores and son Mike,
with crew in front of company truck, early
1940's.



S. Martinez Livestock, Inc.



Simon Martinez Jr. with Simon Senior



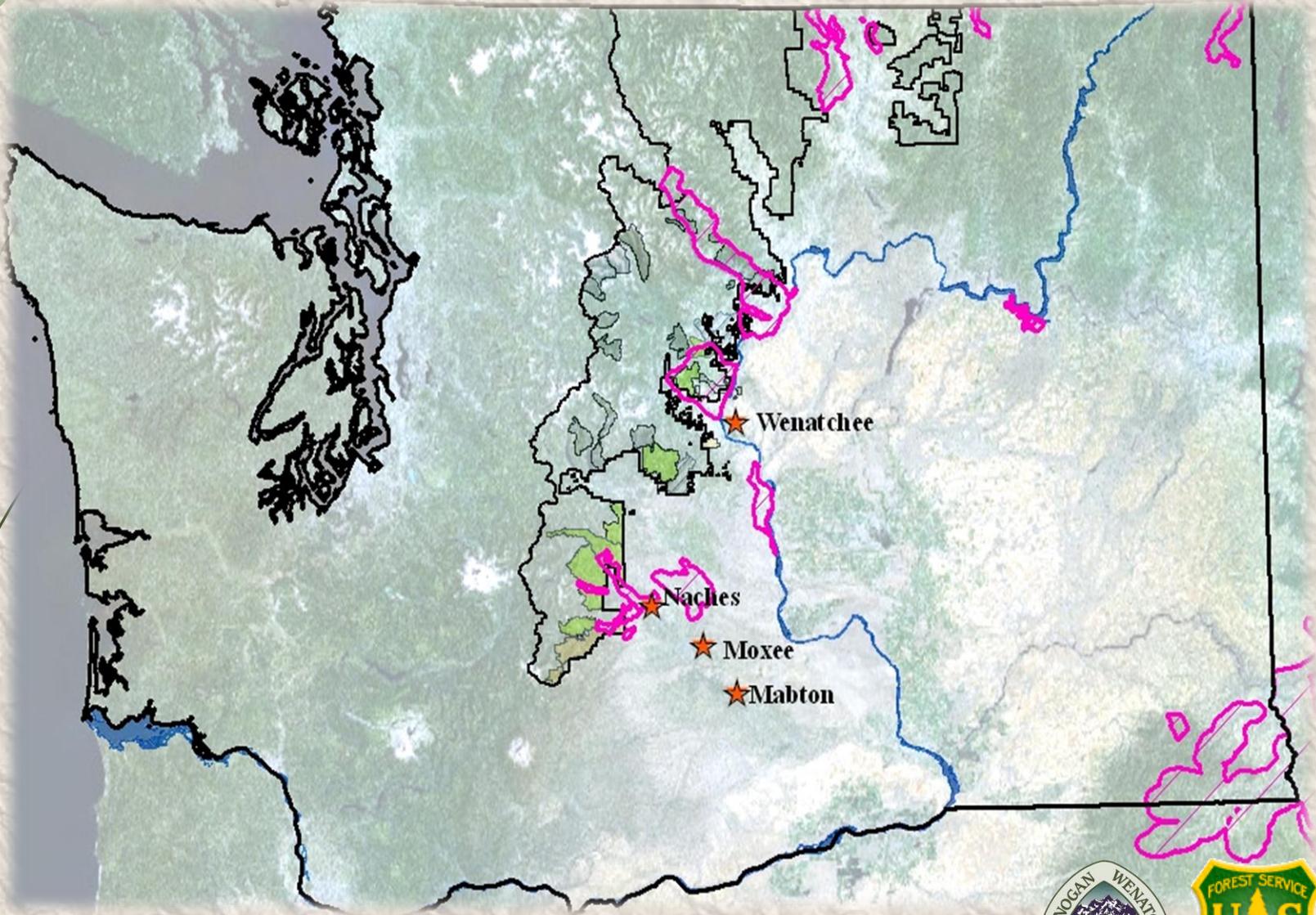
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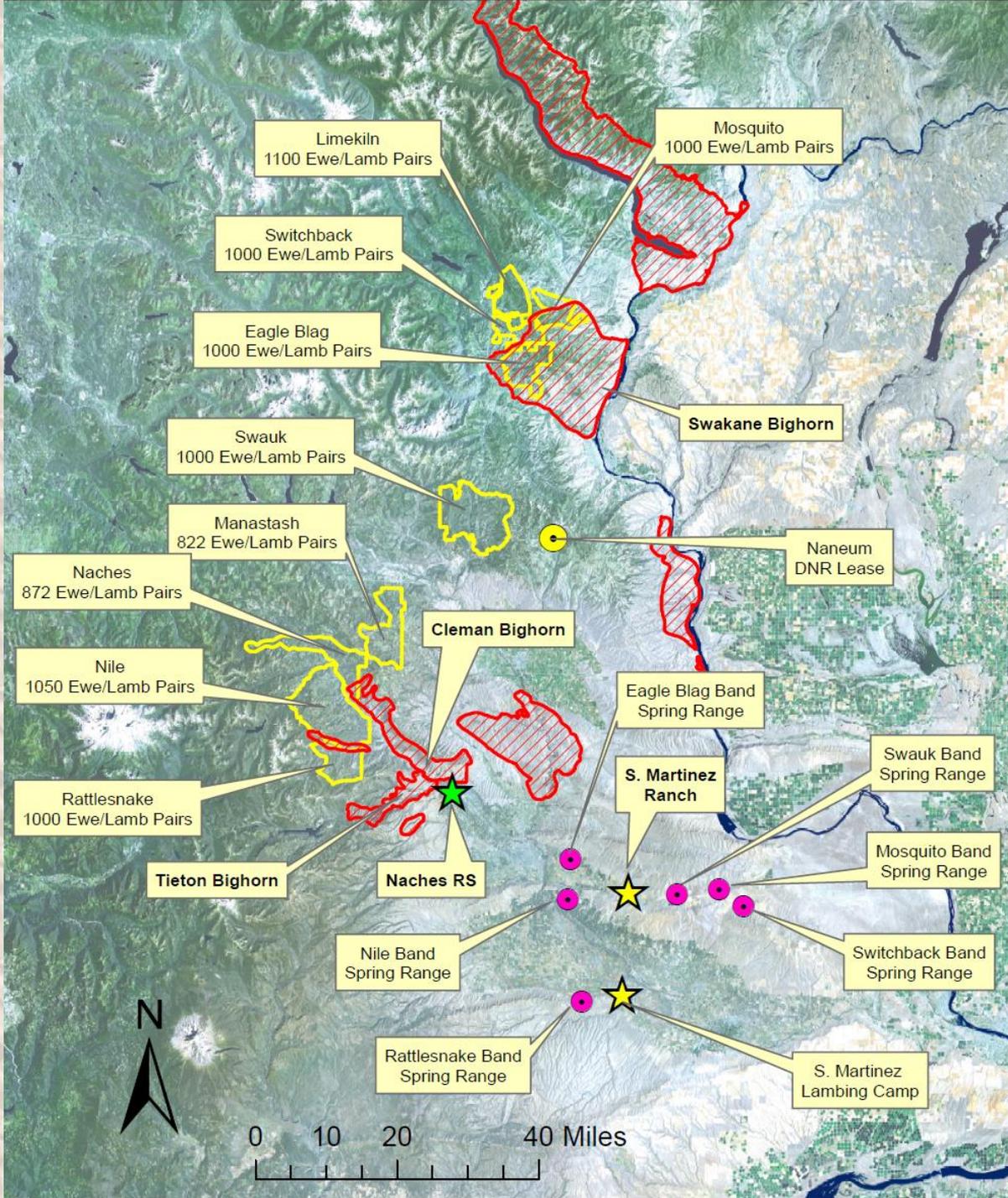


*Mark Martinez, Raymond Martinez, Simon Martinez III,
Jim Fletcher, and Nick Martinez*



The Landscape





Permitted Livestock Use

| Allotment | NFS Acres | Permitted Livestock Numbers | Permitted AUMs | Authorized Season of Use | Days | 2016 Livestock Numbers | 2016 AUMs | Comments |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|------|------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Naches* | 47,625 | 872 | 662 | 6/16-8/31 | 77 | 650 DE | 493 | Pending |
| Nile* | 53,568 | 1,050 | 797 | 6/16-8/31 | 77 | 750 E/L | 570 | Grazing |
| Rattlesnake* | 16,828 | 1,000 | 720 | 6/20-8/31 | 77 | 750 E/L | 540 | Grazing |
| Manastash | 21,256 | 822 | 754 | 6/16-9/16 | 93 | 500 DE | 458 | Late TO |
| Swauk | 46,809 | 1,000 | 917 | 6/10-9/10 | 93 | 750 E/L | 688 | Grazing |
| Eagle Blag | 21,274 | 1,000 | 779 | 5/14-7/31 | 79 | 650 DE | 338 | Off 7/25 |
| Switchback | 11,204 | 1,000 | 769 | 5/15-7/31 | N/A | 0 | 0 | Resting |
| Limekiln | 18,309 | 1,100 | 163 | 8/1-8/15 | 15 | 1,100 R | 119 | Trailing |
| Mosquito | 14,377 | 1,000 | 769 | 5/15-7/21 | 60 | 780 E/L | 600 | Off early |
| Total | 251,250 | 8,844 | 6,330 | | | 5,930 | 3,806 | |

DE – Dry ewes
 E/L – Ewe/Lamb pairs
 R – Replacements
 * 3 year rest-rotation



Home Range – Moxee, WA



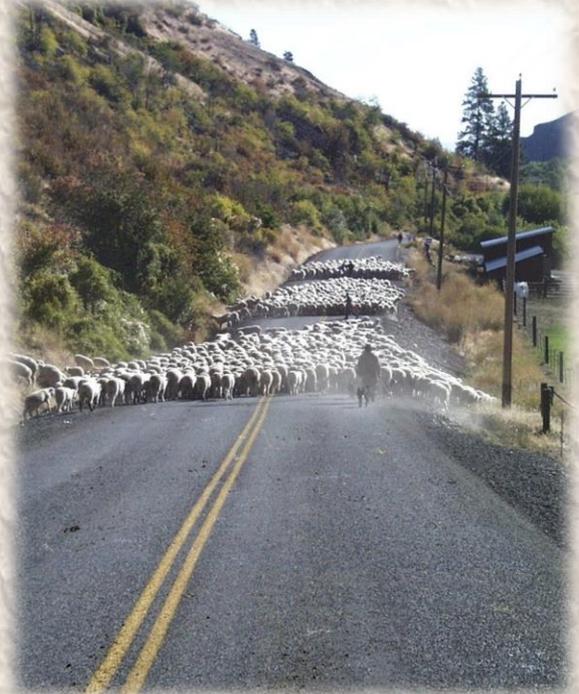
Lambing Camp – Mabton, WA



Forest Allotments – Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest



Allotment Operations: On & Off the Allotment



Allotment Operations: Guard & Herd Dogs



Allotment Operations: Development Maintenance



Fence Building



Trough Installation



Allotment Operations: Water



Allotment Operations: Logistics



YOU ARE RECREATING ON THE
MANASTASH
SHEEP ALLOTMENT

This area will be used
for the loading and
removal of permitted
livestock on Tuesday
August 23, 2005

There will be temporary
barriers erected to contain
the sheep. Please keep all
pets confined on a leash!
Livestock trucks will be
checked and hauling down
FS road 3100.

If you have questions
or concerns,
please call
(509) 653-1448
Wenatchee Ranger Station
8/22/05 Rev. 12



PLEASE,
DO NOT HARASS
THE LIVESTOCK!



Allotment Management Challenges

Recreation



Roads



Logging

FOREST SERVICE LOGGING, 1921

Wildlife



Logistics



Allotment Management Challenges: Logging



Allotment Management Challenges: Rare Plants and Noxious Weeds



Allotment Management Challenges: Recreation



Allotment Management Challenges: Road Access



Allotment Management Challenges: Wildfire



Allotment Management Challenges: Wildlife Conservation



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Finding Solutions: Collaboration



Early Range Meetings

Meeting topics were likely many of the same issues as the ones discussed today in range meetings. And as they are today, meetings were often held in the field where they can be seen, reviewed and resolved.

From left to right: Unknown man, Emile Robert (Robert Brothers) Simon Martinez Sr., Simon Martinez Jr., and an unknown Forest Service representative.



Finding Solutions: Collaboration

Cattlemen's Range Tour



Tour attendees on Nile allotment.



Finding Solutions: Adaptive Management

- ✓ Mines and Mining
- ✓ Cultural Resource Management
- ✓ Wolf Conservation
- ✓ Fisheries Conservation
- ✓ Water Management
- ✓ Fencing Sensitive Areas
- ✓ Road Maintenance



Finding Solutions: Adaptive Management - BHS

- ✓ 2000 North-end EA and Decision – Implementation
- ✓ 2004 Manastash Complex E.A. And Decision – Adaptive Management
- ✓ 2008 WAFWA recommendations shared with permittee to implement pro-active management
- ✓ 2009 altered routing in response to BHS presence (Naches)
- ✓ 2009 to present work with permittee to run reduced bands consistent with WAFWA recommendations



Finding Solutions: Adaptive Management - BHS

- ✓ 2010 to present, Portions of the Naches Allotment not utilized - BHS and WDFW Land Acquisition (T17 R15)
- ✓ 2011 WAFWA recommendations incorporated into AOI
- ✓ 2013 altered routing in response to BHS presence (Mosquito)
- ✓ 2016 Implemented increased counting of livestock along route throughout season
- ✓ 2009 and 2014 Multiple efforts to find feasible domestic sheep grazing opportunities elsewhere



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Strategies and Solutions: Next Steps

- 1) Exactly what is the problem?
- 2) What can we do about it?



The End of this Slideshow...



The Beginning of the Process...

