

# Home Ranch

Domingo and Ruby Uhart

# Private Lands Resource Inventory

- Salmon River
- Canyon Creek
- Three springs in the meadows
- Irrigation ditches
- Irrigated meadow
- Adequate water
- Hay production
- Pasture fences
- Corrals and livestock handling facilities
- Housing and employee/guest living
- Roads
- Outbuildings, shop, implements
- Willow cover
- Trees
- Native Meadow

# Private Lands Resource Inventory

- Sage Grouse
- Sand Hill Cranes
- Chukar
- Big Horn Sheep
- Deer
- Ducks
- Fish – trout and other native species
- Beavers
- Song birds
- Humming birds
- Raccoons
- Badgers
- Mink
- Otter
- Various reptiles
- Raptors, ravens and crows

# Public Lands Resource Inventory

- Fences
- Water lines and troughs
- Roads
- Water gaps (3)
- Three springs with troughs, three without
- Six dirt tanks
- Seeps
- Wells ?
- Spring enclosures
- Two riparian enclosures
- Three cattle guards
- Burn enclosure
- Sagebrush, bunch grass uplands
- Aspen groves
- All animals on private lands and elk, antelope, and rock chucks

# Resource Management Successes

- Private Lands
  - Getting the old irrigation/ditch system functioning
  - Getting water on places it hadn't been for years, or ever
- Public Lands (BLM)
  - Adaptability of livestock to variety of grazing areas
  - Management of the grazing permit – moving cattle and making changes based on the needs of the land vs. a calendar date
  - Moving cattle to places where the feed was becoming “wolfy” and watching the improvements occur

# Factors Driving Success

- Pride of ownership
- Conservation
- Domingo has always leased land and this is the first opportunity to work with something that is ours and potentially the kids'.
- Putting the ranch back together and pulling it out of its state of neglect.
- The lifestyle: living it and being able to pass it on

# Concerns

- Private Lands

- Weeds: Iris and Knapweed
- Meadows: Salmon River bank problems causing breakdown and loss of meadows. We would like to be able to stabilize the banks and improve fish habitat.
- Structures and Ditches: need to be reconstructed/redesigned/improved. Water management needs to improve in order to maintain and improve meadow production.
- Drought and Fire: activities and responses post management

- Public Lands

- Livestock water system: The line has not been maintained and is non-functioning.
- Pasture utilization: without the functioning water system it is difficult to manage pastures effectively
- Riparian Areas: Public access, gates left open meaning cattle are in the riparian when they are not supposed to be

# Goals (25 years)

- Double the herd
- Be able to stop haying
- Have a winter permit to complement and fill the holes in the system
- Have a second family on the ranch (the kids and their families?)
- Become more self-sufficient by producing major staples on the ranch
- Have the diversity of resources recognized and in good working condition
- Improve rangelands; management and herd performance
- Have the built in flexibility in operation to find the management techniques needed to improve conditions and solve issues