Almost 90% of Nevada is managed by the United States Federal Government for all people to use. That is why it is called “public land.”

Most of this public land is considered to be “multiple-use,” meaning its use is shared by many different animals and people. Name as many users of public lands as you can:

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Many beef cattle and sheep ranchers in Nevada pay a fee to use certain areas of these public lands, which are called “allotments,” to graze their animals. Ranchers must also manage and make “improvements” on their allotments, such as installing windmills to pump water for both livestock and wildlife.

Can you think of ways that animals grazing on public lands can help prevent or reduce wildfires?

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Name three things ranchers do on public lands that are also of benefit to other users, such as wildlife:

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