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Dedication

This publication is dedicated to the memory of Jim Lewis, who for over 35 years devoted his life to the restoration and management of natural resources. Jim believed very strongly in working together to solve problems, maintaining the dignity of lifestyles, and restoring and ensuring proper use of natural resources. Until his untimely death, he continually worked on documentation for this publication because of his strong land use ethic and commitment to helping people find solutions to land use issues.

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Preface

This material was originally issued in 1989 as BLM Technical Reference 1737-4, *Grazing Management in Riparian Areas*, by Gene Kinch. Most of the information in the original reference is as valid today as it was in 1989, and therefore, is included in this document. Since 1989, numerous management actions have been implemented and evaluated, literature has been produced, and policies have emerged, and this information has been added to the original material. We hope the additional information will enhance the reader's ability to develop and implement successful riparian grazing management strategies over the full spectrum of land ownership and land types.

The original title has been changed to reflect the inclusion of wetlands as a component of riparian areas. Although the term riparian is used alone throughout the document, riparian-wetland is implied. Most of the examples feature running water (lotic) types of riparian-wetlands, but the principles apply to standing water or saturated (lentic) types of riparian-wetlands as well.

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