## How to Effectively Tell Your Story So that People Will Listen and Understand the Truth

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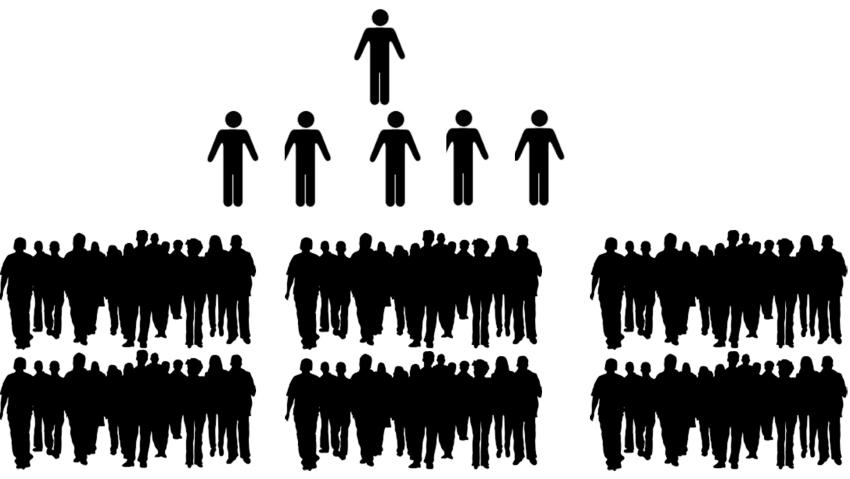




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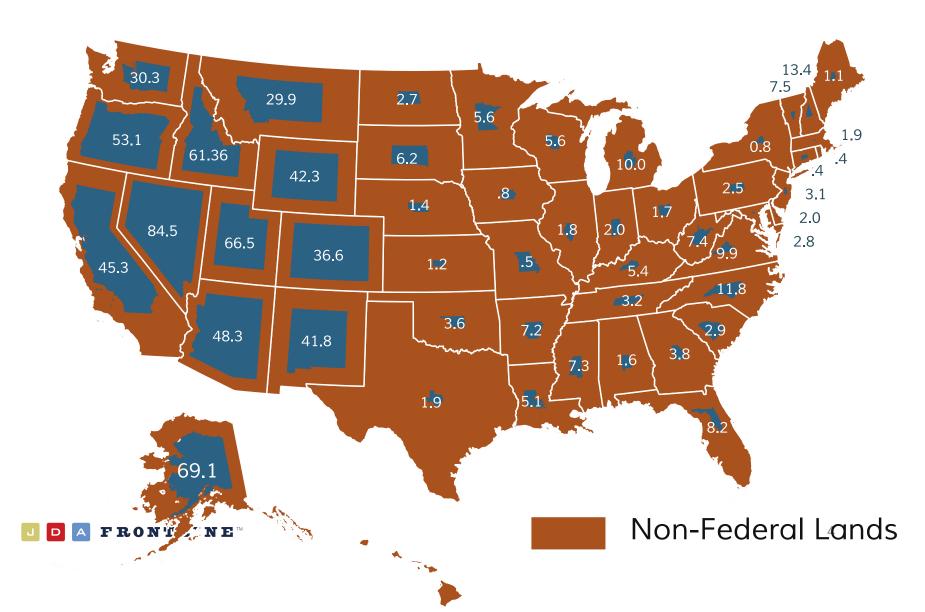


# Reaching Your Audience





# The Reality, Unknown to Many



We say	Many Think	They Must Understand
"Rancher"	"Vast pieces of land"	Ranchers lease to graze and care about the environment
"Federally owned lands"	"Public Lands"	Public access and use is not always a priority
"States can manage public lands better"	"States will mismanage"	Federal management out of DC is falling short. More power needs to be given to government closer to people



# Storytelling Through Media: Then





**NBC NEWS** 

National Newspapers

The Oregonian

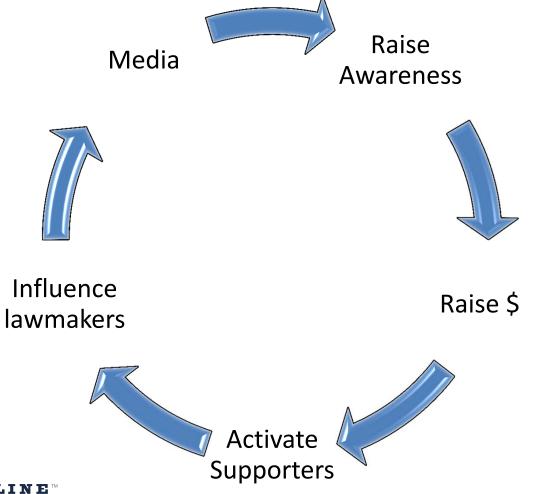
+ Desert News

LAS VEGAS SUN

# Storytelling Through Media: Now



#### Media As a Tool For Action



#### Connecting to Where America Is



- Trust in federal government 50 year low, across party lines
- Only 19% believes feds do right thing some/all of the time
- Americans more frustrated than angry
- View Fed gov't more favorably on environment

# **Telling Your Story**

Your Story The roots of what you do; the value you provide

Your deep roots in thousands of communities

The roots of your frustration, your personal stories

And *the* root issue-federal land management

#### Other Essential Facts

Contributing to the tax base

Commitment to environmental stewardship

Working for strong rural communities

## Real Ranchers, Real Stories



"In the press we see mentions of local involvement in the decisions. However, our county commissioners were adamantly opposed and greatly voiced that concern. That didn't impact the decision. Once these vast, sometimes millions of acres of land, are designated as monument space under the Act, they can never again be used in an economic manner consistent with local plans. Often the designations leave ranchers unable to build roads to reach their own ranches. They see reduced livestock graze on the land, the land is virtually off-limits, and that is very frustrating for the families who have relied on that open space for their livelihoods for generations."

--JJ Goicoechea

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## Real Ranchers, Real Stories



"Unfortunately, the current policies of many federal land management agencies don't account for these environmental changes, so the rancher is very limited in his ability to adjust grazing practices to best steward the land."

--Joe Guild

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#### Communications: Keys to Success

- Confidence
- Control
- Credibility
- Connection

#### What All Audiences Want

Fresh perspective

• Relevance

Authenticity

#### Prepping for A Communication

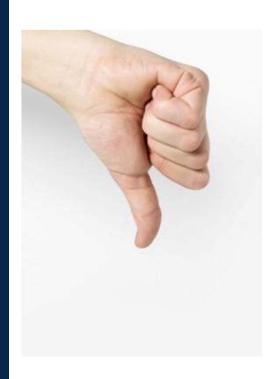
- Why this interview or conversation?
- Who am I trying to reach?
- What do I want to accomplish?
- What's my message?

## Additional Tips: The Do's

- Listen Carefully
- Pause before answering
- Support your messages
- Set the record straight
- Make your point, stop talking



## Additional Tips: The Don'ts



- Interrupt (wait then answer)
- Over answer, run on
- Guess, if you don't know
- Repeat a negative
- Say anything you don't want repeated/ attributed to you

## Other Ways to Be Heard

- Letters to the Editor
- Talk Radio
- E-mail blasts
- Social media
- Engaging lawmakers
- Community engagement

## In Closing...

Your story is your story—share it

Your reality is often distorted—fix it

• The media is a channel—use it