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Dan,

It was a pleasure to meet you. Thank you for sending this to me. I enjoyed the TED talk. I talked with BLM about this case and will connect you with our Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals. If there is anything I can ever do to be of assistance, please let me know.

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On Sat, Sep 23, 2017 at 1:08 PM, Dan Adams <dadams@langdongroupinc.com> wrote:

Hello,

Thanks for visiting today. Just to clarify, I am a consultant that works for the Department of Interior through an IDIQ contract through DOI's CADR office. I do a lot of this through past experience in natural resources and organizational behavior.

Here is the TED talk I referenced:

https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story/transcript?language=en

You hit the nail on the head perfectly with the example of race. This TED talk does such a great job of explaining this.

At the PLC conference, you hear a whole lot of specific examples of where people that graze on public lands are stuck: Suspended AUM's, wildfire, sage grouse, wild horses, NEPA, drought, etc. A way to look at each of these issues is that they are each the top of a

pyramid. In order to understand the issue, you first have to understand the base of the pyramid which is complex but actually pretty simple. The base is cultural. It is change. Pressures on ranching families with their kids not wanting to ranch any more (in some cases), global markets (fuel costs, feed costs, etc.), feeling like NGO's are out to end grazing on public lands, cultural communication barriers (people in many ranching communities may know each other well but they do not communicate about many topics that people from the outside might think they discuss), etc.

The people at the PLC conference are not there coalescing to build the cattle and sheep grazing industry. At the end of the day, they are there to talk about how to protect and preserve a way of life. They provide food for Americans and are in the business as much for the way of life as to make a living.

Aurelia, let me know if you would like to discuss more. I'm happy to help out.

Thanks!

Dan

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