



ROVING RAM RANCH, LLC

Bringing together
livestock and
landowners to
restore and protect
land, landscapes
and livelihoods.



WHY GRAZING?

Well-managed grazing can be an essential part of nurturing a property for optimal ecological health, whether that property is one acre or one thousand. Targeted grazing can be used to reduce invasive weeds, return nutrients to the soil in the form of dung and urine, remove standing dead vegetation through grazing and trampling, reduce soil erosion, and stimulate soil microbial communities for improved nutrient cycling, carbon sequestration and organic matter accumulation. Over time, grazing and these pathways have the potential to regenerate and restore resilience to the land.

OUR MISSION

To provide landowners with a pathway for pasture management and regeneration using livestock and targeted grazing practices

To provide a source of locally-raised, grass-finished meat and eggs for our community

To produce wool of exceptional quality that helps meet the need for a local, renewable fiber source

THE FRUITS OF OUR LABOR

The best part of using sheep as a land management tool is that the benefits don't end there! In addition to our grazing services, we also sell 100% grass-fed, grass-finished lamb; wool and wool products; sheepskins, leather, and horns. Regenerating land while producing healthy meat and growing a renewable natural fiber...sheep are the gift that keeps on giving!

YOUR LAND
+
OUR LIVESTOCK



We want to empower you to write the next chapter of your land's story, one that includes healthy soil, thriving plant communities, and a return of native plant species. If you'd like to tell us your story and talk about ways we can partner with you to help you meet your land management goals, please reach out to us. We'd love to hear from you!

Frequently asked questions about grazing services through RRR

My land isn't fenced; does it need to be fenced before you can graze it?

No, properties do not need a permanent fence for us to be able to graze them. Our sheep and our livestock guardian dogs are fenced in portable electric netting powered by a solar charger. They can literally go anywhere!

I don't live at the property I want your sheep to graze; is that a problem?

Nope, not at all. While it can be nice to have a regular human presence at a grazing site, it is not necessary. Depending on the job location and size, we are on-site either every day or every other day to move the sheep and check on sheep and guardian dog well-being. That's all they need!

There isn't a water source on the property; can the sheep still graze there?

The answer is...maybe! We are accustomed to hauling water to locations without an easily-accessible water source (surface water or outside frost-free pump or well). However, if we have to haul multiple tanks of water from a source far from the job site, that may become time- or cost-prohibitive. We're happy to discuss your specific situation and site in order to determine whether or not it's feasible.

Can you just drop your sheep off for the day to graze my backyard?

Unfortunately no. It requires a good deal of time and logistics to move sheep from one property to another, along with their fencing and their guardian dogs, and to then get everything set up. We are unable to accommodate grazing jobs less than two weeks in duration (5-10 acres in size) at this point in time, but we hope to be able to service smaller properties/shorter duration jobs in the next 1-2 years.

What about predators?

All of our sheep are protected by a pair of livestock guardian dogs whose sole job it is to defend them from predators (human or animal) or other threats. Like almost everyone in NW Montana, we live alongside and share land with large carnivores, but thanks to the vigilance and dedication of our dogs we have not yet lost a sheep to predation.

Why do I have to pay you? Isn't free grazing enough of a payment?

Great question, we're glad you asked! When we sign a contract with a landowner to provide targeted/regenerative grazing services, we are not just showing up to feed our sheep. We are committing to performing a specific job, in collaboration with the landowner, for a specific outcome and purpose. This requires time, planning and attention to detail on our part, along with all of the other responsibilities of running a business (like liability insurance, equipment maintenance and replacement, etc.) We are like any other service provider you hire to assist you with property development or maintenance--we have the skill set, knowledge and equipment to help you achieve a goal or fix a problem and, like any business, we expect to be paid fairly for providing those things.

Do you provide any other land management services?

Yes! We can: do soil sampling and sample submission/test interpretation; perform smaller-scale chainsaw work/tree clearing; install perimeter fencing (field fence or barbed wire); and install flagstone/rock patios, walkways and retaining walls. We are also open to discussing work as short-or long-term property managers, either for maintenance/upkeep or to help oversee and coordinate work being done while a landowner is away or infrequently present at the property.