



A Collaborative Model for Creating a Web Portal on Rangeland Management

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The Rangelandswest.org website grew out of early efforts to build the Agriculture Network Information Center (AgNIC), a national initiative to bring quality agriculture-related information and resources to the public through the World Wide Web. The AgNIC model is to offer reference or "Ask an Expert" services; quick access to quality, evaluated electronic resources; and to follow common metadata standards to facilitate a "one-stop-shopping" interface. First known as "Managing Rangelands" and developed by a collaboration of rangeland specialists and librarians at the University of Arizona, the Rangelandswest.org site greatly expanded in 2001 with the initiation of the Western Rangelands Partnership that now includes members from 19 western land-grant universities. This presentation will provide the historical context for how the site was developed as a collaboration with both internal and external partners.

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