



## **25 Years of History with Holistic Management**

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During the 1983 SRM Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, NM a field tour to Sandia Pueblo was conducted to showcase one of the first “grazing cells” developed in the state. Since that time, the concept of managing holistically has grown and evolved into a much broader and complete package. However, some elements such as planned grazing have changed little in that time. The Feb. 2009 meeting marks the 25th year of my involvement with what is known today as Holistic Management. I have also been a member of the SRM both before and during this time, as well as today. Those early days were full of controversy and excitement. In succeeding years, much of what was once controversial has become adopted, published, and practiced in many different areas of both public and private rangeland management. Throughout this time I have worked with individual land managers, agencies, and other people passionate about rangeland management and the concepts of holistic management that have helped them to thrive and achieve their goals. This session will highlight some of those experiences and chronicle some of the history of the organization known today as Holistic Management International.

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