# Rangeland Meeting-14<sup>th</sup> Feb

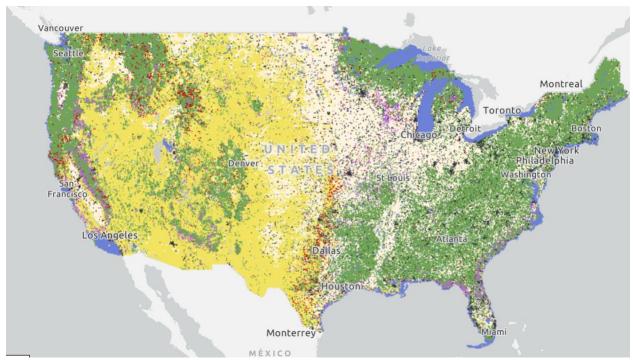


Figure 1: Rangelands in US
Reference Link

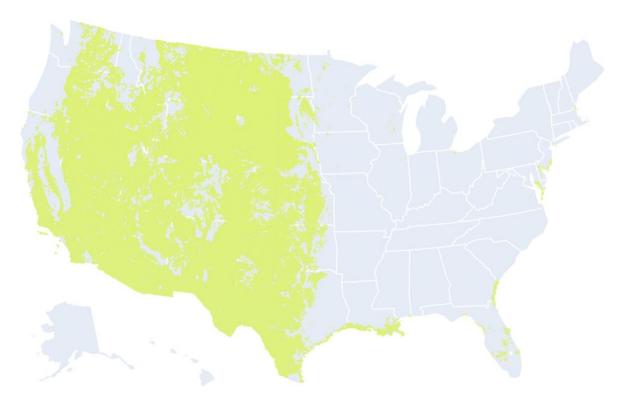


Figure 2: Grids being used

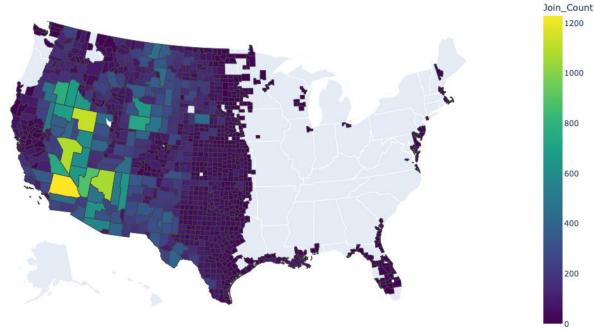


Figure 3: Counties are colored by the # of rangeland grids.

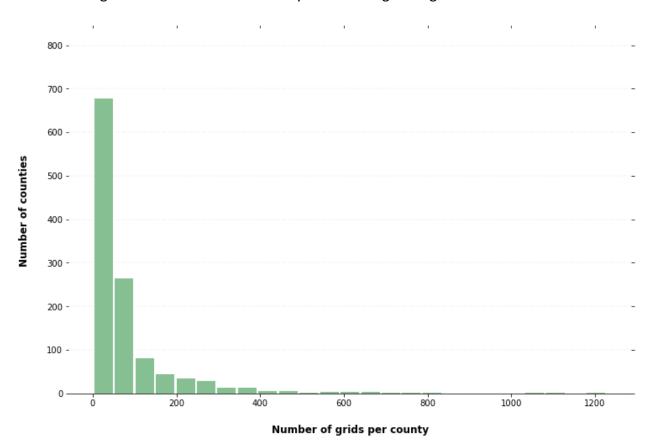


Figure 4: Distribution of rangeland grids per county

#### **Statistics**

- 1. There are a total of 3006 counties in the US, the counties that cover more than 1 pixel of rangeland are 2644.
- 2. For our analysis, we are considering a total of 1052 county-state combinations where grids are selected such that rangelands cover at least 20% area of the grid.
- 3. This covers 90,025 grids out of the 483897 total grids.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1. **County selection**—min area as cut-off, produce counties along with area being covered by rangelands.
- 2. **Grids selection** filter on grid area being covered by rangelands. Zoom in on-0-50 grids per county.

#### **Thermal Stress Calculation**

## Heat Stress

Projected daily values for average daily temperature (T<sub>air</sub> in degrees Celsius) and relative humidity (RH) were used to calculate THI as:

$$THI = 0.8 \times T_{air} + RH \times (T_{air} - 14.4) + 46.4$$

following Hahn et al. (1995) and Brown-Brandl et al. (2006). Note that the daily climatological data included only VPD and minimum and maximum temperature ( $T_{min}$ ,  $T_{max}$ ). Average daily air temperature was computed as:

$$T_{air} = \frac{(T_{min} + T_{max})}{2}$$

### **Categorization in Zones**

Normal <75 Alert 75-78 Danger 79-83 Emergency >84	Normal <75	Alert 75-78	Danger 79-83	Emergency >84
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## **Reference Link**

A per-grid view (1979-2019)

Date	PPT	TMAX	TMIN	TMID	RMAX	RMIN	RMID	LAT	LON	THI	Emergency	Danger	Alert	Normal
January 1979	139.375	22.781	9.988	16.3847	92.7287	41.6684	67.19	26	-8	60.9645	0			31
February 1979	14.75	24.0271	9.73	16.8786	93.3421	38.4064	65.87	26	-8	61.7433	0			28
March 1979	50.625	26.2832	12.25	19.2668	100	42.3948	71.19	26	-8	65.318	0			31
April 1979	45.775	30.2087	16.47	23.3437	98.989	40.043	69.516	26	-8	71.3094	0			29
May 1979	201.125	30.84	18.58	24.7137	99.9955	48.6823	74.33	26	-8	73.8713	0		12	
June 1979	118.275	33.2173	20.74	26.9805	100	45.999	72.99	26	-8	77.1575	0		23	
July 1979	120.65	34.3077	22.13	28.2195	100	47.851	73.92	26	-8	79.1897	0		13	0
August 1979	196.45	33.4758	21.81	27.6477	100	48.5152	74.25	26	-8	78.3546	0		25	
September 1979	358.3	31.6267	22.773	27.1998	100	59.3183	79.65	26	-8	78.3444	0	11	18	
October 1979	43.45	30.0465	18.92	24.4856	99.7748	49.6023	74.68	26	-8	73.5361	0			22
November 1979	51.575	26.8793	16.464	21.6717	99.376	52.4433	75.90	26	-8	69.3449	0			28
December 1979	74.625	24.0074	13.16	18.5884	92.1768	46.849	69.51	26	-8	64.3029	0			31
January 1980	98.925	24.0584	10.68	17.3711	100	48.2845	74.14	26	-8	62.5857	0	0		31
February 1980	46.8	22.5224	8.432	15.4772	93.1872	38.5924	65.88	26	-8	59.6715	0			29
March 1980	62.225	28.1148	15.08	21.6003	89.8323	39.66	64.74	26	-8	68.4309	0	0		30
April 1980	113.075	28.699	15.78	22.2408	98.6737	41.179	69.92	26	-8	69.7006	0			30
May 1980	100.275	31.5635	18.45	25.0106	100	46.0313	73.01	26	-8	74.1802	0		14	17
June 1980	88.4	33.6413	20.794	27.2177	100	45.2933	72.64	26	-8	77.4785	0		18	
July 1980	183.45	34.0713	21.97	28.0231	100	50.9277	75.46	26	-8	79.0871	0	16		0
August 1980	173.775	33.6868	22.14	27.9152	100	49.7594	74.87	26	-8	78.8467	0	13	18	
September 1980	126.9	32.7317	21.49	27.115	100	54.839	77.41	26	-8	77.9356	0		26	
October 1980	33.25	31.2632	18.68	24.9747	99.6887	44.8471	72.26	26	-8	74.0598	0		14	17

**ACTION ITEMS:** Calculate mean, max, std dev, 90th percentile for the THI variable.