

# NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS GRAZING CAMPAIGN

## Other Government Buyout Programs

Voluntary grazing permit buyout, as proposed in the Multiple-Use Conflict Resolution Act (H.R. 3166), is neither revolutionary or even new, but simply another application of the tried-and-true concept of voluntary government buyout.

The federal government has often used voluntary buyouts to resolve over-employment in various economic sectors; re-settle communities away from floodplains and hurricane zones; and address overcapacity and resource depletion in agricultural and natural resource industries.

Following are a few prominent and recent examples of federally authorized and funded buyout programs:

- Northeast Bottom Fishing Permit Buyout
- West Coast Fishing Fleet Buyout
- Tobacco Quota Buyout (\$9.6 billion)<sup>1</sup>
- Peanut Quota Buyout (\$4 billion)<sup>2</sup>
- Federal Government Employee Buyout
- Flood-Prone Residences Buyout

In each case, the above buyout programs were crafted to fit the unique circumstances of each target constituency.

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<sup>1</sup> Orden, D. "Key Issues for the Next Farm Bill: Is a Farm Program Buyout Possible?" (conference presentation). Agricultural Outlook Forum 2005; Feb. 24-25, 2005; Arlington, VA. U.S. Dept. Agriculture. Washington, D.C. (Available at [www.usda.gov/oce/forum/speeches/Orden.pdf](http://www.usda.gov/oce/forum/speeches/Orden.pdf).)

<sup>2</sup> Id.