“There are two spiritual dangers in not owning a farm. One is the danger of supposing that breakfast comes from the grocery, and the other that heat comes from the furnace”

--Aldo Leopold
A Personal Story from Idaho
Complex Mix of Ownerships
Mixed Ownerships
Pressures & Stressors

- Endangered Species
- Urban Sprawl
- Immigration
- Exchange Rates
- Forest Service Planning Regulations
- Predators
- Bighorn Disease Transmission
More Pressures..........

- Increasing Land Values
- Invasive Species
- Competing uses of Public Lands
- Labor Availability
- Fire Cycles
- Availability of Credit
- Aging Producers
The Consequences.

- Fragmented Landscapes
- Rural Communities Struggle
- Loss of Jobs
- Cultural Dissension
"What's a Sheepherder to do?"