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What is a "Grazing Allotment"?

- A "grazing allotment" is an "additional allotment" or "additional entry" of "range", "grazing land" or "land chiefly valuable for grazing and raising forage crops" designated, surveyed, mapped and recorded with the Interior Department under the land disposal laws of the United States specific to the granting of grazinglands or stockraising lands in the 17 contiguous Western States.
- Grazing Allotments were granted as "additional allotments" or "additional entries" to supplement "homestead" headquarters or "base-property" under the principle of "equalization".
- The principle of equalization was to grant an amount of grazingland that would support the livestock herd during the period of the year when the stock were not on the homestead property.
- The "grazing allotment" or "additional entry", together with the "homestead" or "base property" comprised a "farm unit" or "ranch unit"– which was an amount of land of a size "sufficient for the support of a family."