A Very Quick Review:

Land Uses and Land-Management Trends in the Rogue Basin, from about 1850 to the Present (with a focus on the Federal Lands)
The maritime fur trade: Ecological impacts were confined to the Coast
Interior of the Rogue Basin, 1830s-1840s: Heavy Trapping of Beaver
Early 1850s:
Land Rush meets Gold Rush
Grain farming, Rogue River valley
Sterling Creek Mine, Applegate Valley

Turbidity at confluence of Sterling Creek (left) and Little Applegate
The Rogue Basin’s Forsted Lands:

A Kind of a “Commons” up in the High Country

(virtually all of it still owned by the U.S. Government)
Early logging (confined to lowest timber)

- Josephine County
- Upper Neil Creek (present-day RR-SNF, near Ashland)
For decades......
........a grazing “free-for-all”

Driving cattle to the Siskiyou Crest from the Applegate Valley.

Sheep grazing at meadows on west slope of Mt. Ashland.
The new “Gospel of Conservation”: New Federal Agencies come onto the scene.
Aside from traditional hunting and fishing by locals, very limited recreational use and access

Berry pickers,
Huckleberry Mountain
Hosler Dam under construction, Ashland Creek, 1920s.

Building Medford’s new water-system pipeline, 1927.
Brush Mtn lookout tree, 1914, east of Ashland.

Mt. McLoughlin lookout, 1927.
CCC men marching down Main St., Medford.

CCC crew building Agness-Powers Road.
“Paul Bunyan’s Checkerboard” (mid-1950s clear cuts on RRNF’s Dead Indian Plateau).
1980s Shelterwood units, on RRNF, near Sky Lakes Wilderness
And so....
Some Historical Perspective on the Present...
Thank you.