



Disappearing Fences

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The Resource Management branch helped to remove nine miles of obsolete fencing from the park near Lehman creek, Wheeler Peak campground, and Baker creek during the 2001 field season as part of the fencing removal project. The drift fences, in the interior of the park, were originally installed for more effective management of livestock grazing. Most of this fencing is no longer needed since the grazing of domestic cattle was discontinued in the park in 2000. The fence removal project will continue next year, with the elimination of approximately nine more miles of fences from Snake Creek, Strawberry Creek, and Can Young Canyon. Historic wooden posts and braces will be allowed to remain to tell the story of the rich and varied grazing history of the Great Basin.