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Professional Profile

Mr. O'Toole is a rancher in the Little Snake River Valley on the Wyoming/Colorado border, with extensive experience and knowledge in Western issues. He has a unique ability to work in a holistic and broad-based manner across philosophical and party lines.

- Manages the family ranching businesses in a broad-based manner to enhance the interaction among healthy livestock, optimal genetics, healthy rangeland and landscape, watershed and stream enhancement and interpersonal relations.
- The six-generation ranching operation includes cattle, sheep, horses, dogs, ranch recreation and land conservation.
- Represented Western Governors Assn. on Clinton Transition for Agriculture, Interior
- Works extensively in the political arena on issues affecting agriculture, water, land use, energy and wildlife. Skilled at working across party lines, agency boundaries, philosophical divides. Broad thinker.
- Manages Powder Springs Renewables LLC to support a solar project

Professional Accomplishments

Water Policy

- Wyoming House of Representatives, Carbon County Representative, Select Water Committee 1986-1992
- President's Western Water Policy Commission, Commissioner (authored minority report) 1994-1998.
- President, of the Board of Directors, Family Farm Alliance 2005-present. Mr. O'Toole speaks extensively to water user groups and agencies. He lobbies in a bi-partisan manner on behalf of the Family Farm Alliance on water use and irrigation issues.
- Board member of The Yampa-White-Green Rivers Basin Roundtable, which works on solutions to water issues in Colorado.
- Received Kurt Bucholtz Conservation Award, Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust, 2016 in recognition of work on water and conservation issues in Wyoming.

Agriculture/Conservation

- Wyoming House of Representatives, Agriculture, Minerals and Revenue Committees 1986-1992
 - Served on Governor's "Wyoming Plan" Task Force 1995
 - Member, Wyoming Stock Growers Association, Wyoming Wool Growers Association, Wyoming Farm Bureau, Colorado Cattlemen's Association, Colorado Wool Growers Association
 - Conservation easements: placed first conservation easements in our community on 1000 acres with Colorado Cattlemen's Association Land Trust. The Nature Conservancy holds conservation easements on more than 1500 acres on the family's Home Ranch. Currently working to protect Greater Sage Grouse habitat and Mule deer migration routes with NRCS.
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- Board Member, Partnerscapes, private landowners who work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on enhancing land and water habitat for species of interest
- Board Member, Intermountain West Joint Venture, which addresses issues regarding Western migratory birds and habitat with government, NGO and private members
- Advisory Committee, AGrEE: Transforming Food & Ag Policy. A think tank considering food security and sustainable food production for an increased world population
- Board Member, Solutions from the Land, a farmer- and rancher-driven organization developing policy for sustainable solutions for Climate Change
- Ecosystem Services Market Consortium (ESMC) Producer Circle member, formulates payment for ecosystem services policy and systems

Land Use

- Managed family ranch in a holistic manner, with particular attention to watershed health, wildlife habitat, plant management and progressive livestock management practices which balance conservation and production
- Received Partners for Wildlife award from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for stream management practices on Battle Creek, 2008.
- Works extensively with Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service as a grazing permittee in both Wyoming and Colorado.
- Works with U.S. Forest Service on forest health issues, using Good Neighbor program
- Works with Wyoming Game and Fish Department on habitat management projects, including stream fencing and walk-in hunting areas. Grazing leasee on G&F wildlife management area.
- Has testified before the U. S House Resource Committee on water, agriculture and land use issues.
- Has testified before the U. S Senate Energy Committee on water, agriculture and land use issues.
- Ladder Ranch received the 2014 Leopold Conservation Award from the Sand County Foundation and the Wyoming Stock Growers Association for Environmental Stewardship. The family was nominated for the 2019 Colorado Aldo Leopold award.

Work History

Partner	Banjo Sheep Co., Savery WY	1975- 1995
President	Salisbury Livestock Co.	1995-present
Managing member	Ladder Livestock Co. LLC	1995-present
Managing member	Banjo Sheep Co. LLC	1995-present
Managing member	Powder Springs Renewables LLC	2020-present

Education

Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy	Colorado State University	1975
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