

Curriculum Vitae

Education

Bachelor of Science (Animal Sciences) Colorado State University	1987
Master of Science (Animal Sciences) Colorado State University	1989

Positions

Delta County Administrator, Delta County Colorado 2012-Present

- Executive level administrative management, and financial, policy, and operational leadership and expertise.
- Meets with, advises, and carries out policy and financial direction from the Board of County Commissioners.
- Manages the implementation and execution of all relevant laws of the State of Colorado and applicable federal law as to county government and all ordinances, resolutions, and orders of the Board of County Commissioners.
- Manages 278 employees, 16 departments and work with 8 elected officials and their respective duties. Manages the administration and functions of the County and its departments, offices, and partnering agencies.
- Prepares for the preparation and submission of the annual budget and capital program for Delta County. Coordinate budget with all state and federal partnerships including 7th Judicial District Attorney, Colorado State University Tri River Area Extension budget, Council on Aging, and All Points Transit for Region 10. County budget has increased from 16 million in 2012 to over 55 million in the proposed 2024 Delta County budget due to increasing complexities, mandates, programs, grants, revenues, and expenditures.
- Reports to the Board of County Commissioners on the state of County affairs and keeps the Board fully advised on the County's financial condition and future needs.
- Recommends actions, policies, and proposals to improve the economic and efficient operations of the government to the Board.
- Successfully led Delta County to a more diversified economy when two of the three coal mines closed, and over 800 high paying jobs left the county.
- Led Delta County in over twenty Federal Land Cooperating Agency jobs with Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Major landscape planning efforts and directed local, state, and national agencies to include county input and local economies.

Delta County Noxious Weed Coordinator 2012-Present

- Coordinates the herbicide application, mapping, monitoring, hiring, oversight of the Noxious Weed Program
- Presentations to and fielding calls from Delta County residents specifically to weed management questions and herbicide use on County Right of Ways

Delta County Natural Resources Director 2012-Present

- Review, analyze, respond, and present on numerous states and federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and how the respective proposals will impact all of Delta County.

Colorado State University Department of Animal Sciences Affiliate Faculty 2010-Present

Colorado State University Extension Area Livestock and Range Extension Specialist-Tri River Area-Mesa, Montrose, Delta and Ouray counties and Western Slope of Colorado	1989-2012
Livestock and 4-H Extension, University of Wyoming	1989

Books

- Bradford, D.B., F.J. Reed, and R.B. LeValley. 2021 Second Edition Precision Printing. *When the Grass Stood Stirrup High – Myths of Western Colorado. Seventy-five historic and present-day photographs and landscape descriptions of Western Colorado.*
- LeValley, R.B. 2010. *Colorado Resource Monitoring Manual.*
- Bradford, D.B., F.J. Reed, and R.B. LeValley. 2004. *When the Grass Stood Stirrup High – Myths of Western Colorado. Seventy-five historic and present-day photographs and landscape descriptions of western Colorado.* Allen Press. 2004.

Colorado State University Courses Assisted with

AN 633-Integrated Resource Management-Grazing Management	2002-Present
AN 635-Integrated Resource Management-Animal Production	2002-Present
AN 560-Meat Science	1998-2012
AN 478-Beef Production	1992-2012
AN 578-Advanced Beef Production	1992-2012

Research Grants

Funded projects as PI or Co-PI - \$1,675,000

- ✓ 2023 - Extending the Growing Season and Processing for Fruits and Vegetables. \$55,000
- ✓ 2022 – Housing Strategy for Attainable Housing for Delta County. \$90,000.
- ✓ 2018 – Middle Mile Broadband Expansion and Implementation for Delta and Montrose counties. \$750,000.
- ✓ 2016 – Federal Lands Planning for Delta County. \$180,000.
- ✓ 2014 – Economic Development Diversification and Entrepreneurship for Delta County. \$600,000.

Colorado State University Extension

Research and Extension Funded projects as PI or Co-PI - \$2,700,100

- ✓ 2006-2014 – Range Management books, Bureau of Land Management. \$10,000 annually.
- ✓ 2005-2014 – Range Management School Implementation. U.S. Forest Service. \$35,000 annually.
- ✓ 2004-2014 – Private land Stewardship. Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative. \$93,000.
- ✓ 2011 – Habitat Partnership Program. Monitoring Database Development for Monitoring Program. \$10,000.

- ✓ 2010 – Habitat Partnership Program. Colorado Resource Monitoring Development and Implementation. \$30,000.
- ✓ 2009 – Carcass Disposal Alternatives. Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. \$10,000.
- ✓ 2008 – Rangeland Resource Extension Act. Production of Resource Monitoring Manuals. \$8,000.
- ✓ 2007 – Agritourism for Western Colorado. Sustainable Resource and Education Act. \$8,500.
- ✓ 2006 – Tri River Area Premise Identification. Colorado Department of Agriculture. \$7,200.
- ✓ 2006 – Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative. \$29,000.
- ✓ 2003-2012 - Colorado Basin Native Seed Project. Natural Resources Conservation Service. \$101,000.
- ✓ 2003-2012 – Healthy Landscapes Partnerships. U.S. Forest Service. \$330,000.
- ✓ 2003-2004 – Seeking Common Ground. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Foundation. \$210,000.
- ✓ 2001-2010 – Uncompahgre Plateau Project. Colorado Division of Wildlife. \$500,000.
- ✓ 1999 – Web-Based Agricultural Marketing. Colorado Rural Technology Program. \$25,000.
- ✓ 1996-1999 – Range Management Schools in Western Colorado. \$1,500 annually.
- ✓ 1998-2002 – Preserving Agriculture and Landscapes. Fund for Rural America. \$350,000.
- ✓ 1998-2001 – Niche Beef Marketing. American Farmland Trust. \$250,000.
- ✓ 1997 – Swath Grazing in Western Colorado. Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative. \$2,600.
- ✓ 1996-1999 – Holistic Management and Communities in New Mexico, Colorado, and Wyoming. Kellogg Foundation. \$375,000.
- ✓ 1996 – Rangeland Monitoring. Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative. \$2,300.
- ✓ 1994 – Establishment of Western Colorado Lamb Pool. Colorado State University Cooperative Extension. \$4,000.

Professional Affiliations and Activities

Association of Colorado County Administrators	2012-Present
Club 20	1997-Present
Society for Range Management	1995-Present
Society for Range Management Certified Range Specialist	1995-Present
Center for Holistic Management	1995-Present
National Public Lands Council	1998-Present
National Cattlemen’s Beef Association	1991-Present
Colorado Woolgrowers Association	1990-Present
Colorado Cattlemen’s Association	1990-Present
Colorado County Agricultural Agents	1989-2012
National Association of County Agricultural Agents	1989-2012

Professional Committees

Tactical Advisory Committee of the Center for Meat Quality at Colorado State University	2023-Present
Western Slope Outdoor Alliance	2021-Present
National Cattlemen's Beef Association Research Advisory Committee	2020-Present
National Cattlemen's Beef Association Federal Lands Vice Chairman and Chairman	2016-2017
Colorado State University Ag-Next Industry Innovation Group	2018-Present
Association of Colorado County Administrators: Member	2012-Present
Society for Range Management	1995-Present
Colorado Beef Council: Processor Member	2015-2023
National Committee for Natural Resources Conservation Service for Livestock Forage Insurance Program	2018-2020
Colorado State University State Extension Advisory Committee	2016-2019
National Producer Affairs Committee Chair	1996-2018
National Rangelands Steering Committee	2003-2018
National Public Affairs Committee	2007
Colorado Section of SRM	
• Producers committee chair	1994-2018
• Board of Directors	2000-2005
• President - Elect	2007
• President	2008
Colorado Cattlemen's Association	
• Federal Lands Committee	1993-Present
• Bureau of Land Management/U.S. Forest Service Liaison Committee	1993- Present
• Resource Stewardship Committee	2004-Present
• Board of Directors	2002-2013
• President	2010-2011
• President - Elect	2009
National Public Lands Council	
• Wildlife Chair	2020-Present
• Colorado Chair	2022-Present
• Officer	2024-Present
Colorado Public Lands Council	
• Board Member	2010-Present
• Board Chair	2022-2024

Colorado County Agents Association	
• Communications Committee Chair	1998
• Policy Development Chair	1999
• President	1998
• Vice-President	1997
• Treasurer	1995
• Animal Science Chair	2003-2012
Colorado Cattlemen’s Agriculture Land Trust	
• Board Member	2011-2017
• Resource Stewardship Chairman	2015-2018
• Executive Committee	2015-2017
Club 20	
• Agriculture Committee Chair	2005-2012
• Secretary and Executive Committee	2012-Present
Center for Holistic Management	1995-2000
• Certified Facilitator	
Delta-Montrose Vo-Tech Center Agriculture Advisory Committee	1992-1993
Colorado Integrated Resource Management	
• Advisory Member	1994-1997
Western Colorado Agriculture Development Committee	
• Board Member	1995-Present
Montrose Economic Development Council	
• Agriculture Committee Board Member	1998-Present
West Central Public Lands Partnership	
• Executive Committee Member	1994-Present
Club 20 Agriculture and Public Lands Committee	1997-Present
• Agriculture Chairman	2007-Present
Uncompahgre Plateau Project Technical Committee	2001-Present
Gunnison Sage Grouse State Range-wide Committee	2003-Present
Colorado Division of Wildlife Habitat Partnership Program Statewide Council	2005-Present
Utah State University BEHAVE Faculty	2001-Present
USDA-ARS Poisonous Plant Lab Advisory Committee	2005-Present

MAJOR INVITED PAPERS/LECTURES/ADDRESSES

2024 – Women in Ranching Symposium – Ag Next Colorado State University. Fort Collins, Colorado

2023 – Range Beef Cow Symposium – Public Lands Grazing and the Public. Loveland, Colorado.

2023 – Diversifying a County’s Economy following the Transition Away from Coal, Colorado County Clerks Annual Meeting. Snowmass, Colorado.

2022 – Joint Incident Command Lessons Learned with Covid, Colorado Hospital Association state meeting. Grand Junction, Colorado.

2018 – Economic Development following Coal, Colorado Economic Development. Loveland, Colorado.

2018 – U.S. Congressional testimony specific to Fish and Wildlife Service specific to Endangered Species Critical Habitat rulemaking change.

2014 – NCBA Cattlemen’s College – Direct Marketing of Beef to Consumers.

2011 – U.S. Congressional testimony specific to proposed Packers and Stockyards Rulemaking changes to small meat processors.

2007 – 2014 Range Management Schools various locations across Colorado.

2007 – Range Beef Cow Symposium-Marketing Beef Direct to the Consumers. Fort Collins, CO.

2007 – Integrated Resource Management Nick Petry Workshop-Integrating Animal Production with Sustainable Rangelands Management. Denver, CO.

2006 – Range Management Schools

- Steamboat
- Walden
- Vancouver, B.C.
- Lakeview, Oregon
- John Day, Oregon
- Black Mesa
- Gunnison
- Collbran

2005 – Range Management Schools Colorado

2004 – Range Management Schools

- Utah
- Arizona
- Montana
- Oregon
- Colorado

2004 – Range Management School. Quivira Coalition National Meeting. Albuquerque, New Mexico.

2004 – Implementing a Range School within the Federal Land Agencies. National Public Lands Council meeting. Glasgow, Montana.

2004 – Range Monitoring Implementation. Colorado Cattlemen’s Mid-Winter Meeting.

2003 – Range Management School. Wyoming Soil Conservation District and Wyoming Game and Fish Annual meeting.

2003 – Range Management Schools

- British Columbia, Canada
- Utah
- Nevada
- Colorado

2003 – LeValley, R.B., J. Murray, F.J. Reed, D.B. Bradford, and H. Metz. Range Management Schools. Society for Range Management National meeting. Salt Lake City, Utah.

2003 – LeValley, R.B. and R. Roath. Elk and Livestock Forage Conflicts in Western Colorado. Society for Range Management National meeting. Salt Lake City, Utah.

2002 – Range Management Schools

- New Mexico
- Utah
- Wyoming
- Colorado

2002 – Mucklow, C.J. and R.B. LeValley, 2002. Niche Beef Marketing. American Society of Animal Science Western Section, Fort Collins, Colorado.

2002 – LeValley, R.B., Range Management Schools in Colorado. Proceedings, Third National Extension Natural Resources Conference, Nashville, Tennessee.

2000 – Range Nutrition and Livestock Diet-Natural Resource Conservation Service State Training.

2000 – Stephens, T., R.B. LeValley, and R. Roath. A Team of Independent Educators Impact Range Management in Colorado. Abstract. Proceedings, Second National Extension Natural Resources Conference. South Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

1999 – Range Management Schools-Colorado Cattlemen's Winter Meeting.

1999 – Windrow Grazing Research Results-Western Colorado Beef Day

1998 – Range Management School-Colorado Society for Range Management annual meeting.

1997 – Net Energy for Maintenance and Nutrition-Western Colorado Beef Day.

1995 – Holistic Decision-Making Process-Western Slope Environmental Resource Council.

1994 – Extending the Grazing Season-Western Colorado Beef Day.

1992 – Range Reform and Western Colorado Ranches-Colorado Counties, Inc.

1991 – Proposed Yield Grades in Lambs-Colorado Woolgrowers Association.

1990 – Intramuscular Fat and Heifer Development-Western Colorado Beef Day.

1988 – Frame Size and Yield Grades-Western Section of Animal Science.

1987 – Yield grading of western slope grass lambs-Colorado Woolgrowers Association.

1986 – Yield grading of lambs-Western Section of Animal Science meeting.

Publications

- LeValley, R.B. Economic Diversification of Coal Impacted Counties, Colorado Office of Economic Development. 2022
- LeValley, R.B., Alternatives for Feeding Beef Cattle During Drought, Colorado State University Extension Fact Sheet. 2005.
- LeValley, R.B., Alternatives for Feeding Beef Cattle During Drought, Colorado State University Extension Fact Sheet. 2005.
- Watkins, B.E, B. Welch, J. Moore, F.J. Reed, J. Garner, and R.B. LeValley, 2004. Uncompahgre Plateau Project. Abstract. Society for Range Management Meeting, Ft. Worth, Texas.
- LeValley, R.B., J. Murray, F.J. Reed, D.B. Bradford, and H. Metz. Range Management School. 2003 Society for Range Management Annual Meeting.
- LeValley, R.B. and R. Roath. Colorado Range Monitoring Initiative. 2003 Society for Range Management Annual Meeting.
- LeValley, R.B., D.B. Bradford, F.J. Reed, J. Murray, and H. Metz. 2003. Range Management School curriculum.
- Bradford, D.B., F.J. Reed and R.B. LeValley, 2003. Using Livestock to Manipulate Vegetation. Rangelands. September 2003.
- LeValley, R.B. 2002. Range Management Schools in Colorado. Proceedings, Third National Extension Natural Resources Conference, March 2002. Nashville, Tennessee.
- LeValley, R.B., 2002. Alternative Feeds for Cattle During Drought. Fact Sheet, Colorado State University Cooperative Extension.
- Mucklow, C.J. and R.B. LeValley, 2002. Niche Beef Marketing. American Society of Animal Science Western Section.
- Stephens, T., R.B. LeValley, and R. Roath, 2000. A Team of Independent Educators Impact Range Management in Colorado. Abstract. Proceedings, Second National Extension Natural Resources Conference, May 2000. South Lake Tahoe, Nevada.
- Bradford, D.B, F.J. Reed and R.B. LeValley, 2001. Livestock Grazing on National Forests – Why Continue. Rangelands. June 2001.
- LeValley, R.B., F. Reed, J. Murray, and J. Hawks,. 1999. Range Management Schools – A School for Ranchers. Rangelands October.1999.
- LeValley, R.B. 1999. Hantavirus. Fact Sheet. Tri River Area
- LeValley, R.B. 1998. Range Management Handbook. Manual.
- LeValley, R.B. 1997. Swath Grazing in Western Colorado. Fact Sheet.
- LeValley, R.B. 1996. Handbook for Raising a Small Flock of Sheep.
- LeValley, R.B. 1995. Copper Research in the Tri River Area. Fact Sheet.
- Mucklow, C.J., R.B. Young, and R.B. LeValley. 1995. Establishing a Lamb Pool. Fact Sheet.
- Toombs, D., R.B. LeValley, C.J. Mucklow, A.S. Volt, L. Weddle, G. Niswender, C.V. Kimberling, R. and R. Glock. 1994. Establishing Baseline Copper Liver Levels in Northwestern Colorado. Colorado State University Beef Report, 1994.
- LeValley, R.B. 1994. Trichomoniasis. Fact Sheet.
- Kimberling, C.V., Cunningham, W.C., and LeValley, R.B. 1994. Using Ultrasound to Determine Pregnancy and Change Nutrition of Range Sheep. SID Research Journal 12:12.
- LeValley, R.B. 1993. Tri River Area Cow-Calf Handbook. Manual.
- Baird, R.L., J.D. Tatum, J.G. Butler, G.Q. Fitch, and B. Gillmore. 1989. Identification of Optimal Slaughter Weights for Small, Medium, and Large Framed Wethers. Master's Thesis. Colorado State University Cooperative Extension.
- Baird, R.L., J.D. Tatum, J.G. Butler, G.Q. Fitch, and B. Gillmore. 1989. Identification of Optimal Slaughter Weights for Small, Medium, and Large Framed Wethers. J. Anim. Sci. (Avstr.). 67 (Suppl. 1:202)
- Baird, R.L., and J.D.Tatum. 1989. Frame Size and Yield Grades in Lambs. SID Research Journal 5:12.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2025 – National Cattlemen’s Beef Association Region 5 Environmental Stewardship

2024 – Colorado State University Distinguished Alumni Agriculture Award

2023 – State of Colorado Leopold Award for Conservation

2023 – Club 20 Lyman Thomas Award

2022 – National Public Lands Council President’s Award

2009 – Club 20 Distinguished Service Award

2006 – Colorado State University Extension Alton Schofield Award

2005 – Natural Resources Conservation Service Partnership National Award

2004 – Epsilon Sigma Phi – Visionary Leadership Award

2004 – United States Forest Service “Chief’s Award” National Award for Range Management Schools

2004 – USDA Secretary of Agriculture National Superior Award

2000 – Epsilon Sigma Phi-Mid Career Award

2000 – CSU Cooperative Extension Sustained Superior Performance Award

1998 – “Trail Boss” award-Society for Range Management

1997 – National Association of County Agricultural Agents-National Communication Award

1997 – National Association of County Agricultural Agents-Achievement Award

1995 – Epsilon Sigma Phi-Early Career Award

1987 – National Wool Grower Fellowship