

Studying the Educational Needs of Range Owners of Ortabolagh Village in the County of Zanjan

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The main purpose of this study was studying the educational needs of range owners of Ortabolagh village in the county of Zanjan. The research method of the study was descriptive-correlation research. The statistical population of the study consisted of all range owners of Ortabolagh village in the county of Zanjan (N= 142). According to Morgan & Krejcie table, 105 persons of them were selected by Simple Random Sampling for doing the study. A questionnaire was used to collect the data. The results showed that respondents are considered the three statements including familiarity with methods to prevent degradation of rangelands, familiarity with proper methods of rangeland correction and familiarity with precise time of animal's entry and exit from rangelands as the most important educational needs. The results of the correlation coefficients revealed that there was significant and negative relationship between the dependent variable of the educational need level and variables of educational rate, income level, work experience and usage of different information channels; whereas, there was no significant relationship between the respondents' age and animal number with dependent variable. Results of t test showed that there was significant difference between the educational needs of range owners who have attended in educational classes with range owners who have not, so that the latest ones have had more educational need.

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