



TRAIL TIP:

Don't feed on the Loco Weed.

The Bible tells us: [James 1:8](#) *A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.*

Growing up out west we often heard people say "He's gone plumb LOCO!" For years as a kid, I thought that meant someone had driven over to Loco, Oklahoma which was about 20 miles from my hometown. ☺

Of course, now I understand that it is a saying that means someone is acting crazy.

LoCo Weed is a very REAL problem for ranchers. It is a weed that grows commonly in pastures; if eaten by your animals it can easily kill them; it is very toxic. The government has been trying to develop ways to help with the problem in New Mexico especially where it is a big issue.

Cattle, horses, deer, and elk have been sickened and sometimes died.

These animals will actually go looking for loco weed just so they can eat it! It has some kind of taste, smell, or other appeal that they just can't resist; until it is too late.

Because these animals don't understand the end result; the rancher must protect the animals by keeping them out of pastures and areas where loco weed has been found.

[Psalm 27:11](#)

Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path...

God is showing the born-again the right path continuously. Problem is, we don't pay attention.

We are like those animals heading for what smells good, tastes good, or appeals to us. And I do not mean just food. There are plenty of other "Things" that distract us from the right path; like movies with ugly language, or our behaviors, or disobedience to name just a few.

[Hebrews 11:25](#)

Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season...

Moses is referred to in this passage. He had every opportunity to become the most powerful man in all of Egypt. But it was a very worldly, sinful place to live. God had spoken to his heart telling him to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt. Indeed, he could have enjoyed the EASY life in Egypt; but he would have missed the blessings God had for him both on earth as well as the rewards reserved for him in Heaven.

Yep, the critters may enjoy the lunch of Loco Weed for a season, but it's just not worth it in the end.