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Utah Sheepmen Ask \$176,964 as A-Blast Damages

Five suits involving claims of \$176,964 have been filed against the government by Iron County sheepmen.

The plaintiffs, in complaints filed in Federal District Court in Salt Lake City, allege that they suffered losses as a result of the 1952 and 1953 atomic blasts on the Nevada Proving Grounds.

Their herds were ranging within 60 to 80 miles of the probable point of detonation, the complaints maintain.

Plaintiffs and amount of damages sought are:

\$24,845; \$29,864; \$34,180; .., and

225, and .. \$64-
and .. \$23,845.

The complaints allege that government agents "negligently performed, conducted, discharged and executed such nuclear tests and experiments causing damages to the plaintiffs."