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SAN FRANCISCO 11, CALIFORNIA

CHIEF, FOREST SERVICE

June 9, 1950

REGIONAL FORESTER, R-5, By

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AIR MAIL - RUSH

Reference Mr. Granger's telegram of this date allotting this Region \$2500 P&M funds for the Harvey Valley Demonstration Allotment and advising that R-5 will have to stand any expenditure involved in the project for the ensuing fiscal year.

This latter qualification makes it very impractical for the Region to undertake this project at this time. It would be difficult at best at this late date in the fiscal year, but without assurance of funds with which to carry it out to a logical "stage" of development would only result in inefficiency of dollar expenditures. Possibly some explanation of the circumstances involved will be helpful to an understanding of the situation as we see it from the operating end.

Contracting of the work involved is out of the question in this general area. The labor force available, particularly in this season of the year, in that general vicinity is so meagre that even initiation of the job by force account along with other going jobs would be impractical except for one fact. We expect to start a K-V Camp in this area on June 23, using inmate labor from San Quentin Prison. We can get this labor about a week earlier if we move fast. On this basis we figured we could purchase materials to the amount of about \$3500 and carry only part of the job to completion by June 30, the balance after June 30. To stop the job as of that date shortly after getting it on an organized basis would be an uneconomical move. To purchase and handle only part of the materials needed for the initial stage also would be poor business. Neither do we consider it advisable to purchase all materials needed for the initial stage and then hold part of them strictly "in hopes" of a windfall of monies to complete that stage at some later time.

In 1950 this Region received about \$6500 P&M for Range Improvement Construction, out of total of some \$14,000 for the Service as a whole. This amount is so insignificant and our needs for range improvement construction projects throughout the Region so pressing that this fund just cannot be drawn on or drained to meet this special purpose, desirable as it is.

Therefore, it is our considered judgment that unless your office can give us assurance that special consideration will be given this project over and above our regular base for range improvement work, i.e. in the inter-regional distribution of range improvement construction funds, it would be best that you withdraw the \$2500 and that the project be postponed until it can be undertaken in more orderly fashion with funds adequate to do a reasonably satisfactory job and to a stage where worthwhile benefits can be derived from it.

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YTF8 ALLOTING YOU TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED P&M FOR HARVEY VALLEY.

REGION 5 WILL HAVE TO STAND ANY EXPENDITURE THIS PROJECT ENSUING
FISCAL YEAR.

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SAN FRANCISCO 11, CALIFORNIA, JUNE 12, 1950

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YTF9 WITH JOY. HARVEY VALLEY RANGE PROJECT POSTPONED INDEFINITELY AND NO FUNDS
WILL BE ALLOTTED.

D. E. CLARK

cc: R.M. (with copy of Granger's
wire of 6/12)

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YLF9 HARVEY VALLEY WE ARE WITHDRAWING THE TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS
ALLOTTED LAST WEEK.

GRANGER