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May 2, 1963

H. A. SVENSEN, Assistant Regional Forester

Training

REPLY DUE - MAY 15, 1963

Reference is made to our memorandum of March 27 to the Chief with enclosures, in regard to a Regional Range Training Meeting. This meeting is already included in the Regional Training Plan for the dates of February 17-21, 1964.

The Pacific Southwest Forest and Range Experiment Station has now proposed the week of March 16 for this training meeting. This proposed date appears satisfactory to us. If you can foresee any serious conflicts in attendance from your Forest, please advise promptly.

We will also appreciate having your recommendations for attendants at this meeting in line with the Washington Office guides regarding the size of this training group; you could recommend from 2 to 4 people attending from your Forest. These could include Supervisors, staffmen handling the range activity and also Rangers with heavy range management programs.

May we have your replies by May 15 in order that the proposed date for this meeting can be confirmed or an alternate date proposed.

Enclosure - 4/25/63 memo

cc: Each Forest

cc: Chief
Pacific Southwest ✓

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Forest Service
Washington 25, D. C.

4210 (2200)
May 6, 1963

Regional Forester, Region 5

R. M. DeNio, Director, Division of Range Management

Range and Wildlife Habitat Programs (Harvey Valley)

We have considered the points raised in Mr. Doman's memorandum of April 8, 1963, relating to the Harvey Valley data collection problem.

The outlook for increased funding for range allotment analysis work in Region 5 for F.Y. 1964 is dim. At this time, it appears that the Region will share with other regions a reduction in this item. With this rather pessimistic outlook apparent, we cannot provide the funds needed to recruit additional technicians to be used on the Harvey Valley job.

Because of the recognized importance of the proposed Harvey Valley work, even when weighed against our continuing accomplishment needs in range allotment analysis, we feel the best solution to the problem would be to detail two teams of two selected R-5 analysis technicians for each of two 60-day periods during this summer and next. We strongly urge that you plan to meet this commitment and cooperate fully with PSW in giving it top priority.

It is possible that limited technical help might be available from some one of the other western regions for training purposes. This, of course, would present problems of financing and timing. Should such an opportunity be presented, we shall try to work with you towards taking advantage of it.

Mr. Parker is responding directly to Mr. Woolfolk's memorandum of March 20, 1963.

cc: Mr. Woolfolk ✓
Mr. Parker

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT -Forest Service
Washington 25, D.C.

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Memorandum

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Let's review on May 30 meet
+ prepare answer
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TO : Director, PSW

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DATE: May 6, 1963

FROM : Kenneth W. Parker, Director, Division of Range and Wildlife
Habitat Research

SUBJECT: Range and Wildlife Habitat Programs (Harvey Valley)

This is to follow up your memorandum of March 20 for the attention
of R. M. DeNio.

We are glad to know that plans are well along for starting the
evaluation of what has happened in Harvey Valley over the past
ten years. We consider this to be the top priority job for the
Susanville Range Project, inasmuch as the findings will be of
interest and value wasterwide on both National Forests and
other public lands.

In planning to meet research commitments on this project, we note
that "during the next year at least," the project leader is to be
"fully occupied with a problem analysis research selection and
program development." We question the need for such preoccupation
with problem selection and analysis at the present time. In fact,
you should be well aware of the major range problems of the area
as a result of the development of your project descriptions during
the past year.

We strongly feel and urge that the project leader, Jack Reppert, be
given full responsibility for the evaluation of the Harvey Valley
allotment. While we recognize that he should not be involved full-
time in the actual field re-measurement work, he should definitely
guide efforts as to sampling of sites, particularly where they in-
volve fenceline contrasts. The latter will require a good deal of
judgment and be done as objectively as possible. It cannot be done
by someone that does not have background and experience.

Also at this time, we think that there is a good deal that could
be done by Reppert in the analysis of the livestock weights from
the Harvey Valley and obtaining information that possibly may be
of value from similar nearby allotments.

By all means, we urge that Reppert be given full responsibility for the evaluation and preparation of the final report on Harvey Valley. This should surely provide him with good background as to future planning of work.

We note from Mr. DeNio's memorandum of May 6, 1963 to the Regional Forester, that they are urging cooperation in collection of data on the Harvey Valley likewise be given top priority insofar as it involves NFRM. Certainly the wide publicity given rest-rotation grazing and its application on many National Forest ranges makes it obligatory that we make a real effort to fully evaluate its impact on the Harvey Valley allotment.

cc: R-5

Pennington Parker

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May 16, 1963

Chief
Attention: K. W. Parker

Keith Arnold, Director, By

Range and Wildlife Habitat Programs (Harvey Valley)

In reviewing our March 20 memo concerning plans for Harvey Valley, Mr. Parker misinterpreted several of our comments.

Our bunchgrass range project leader, Jack Reppert, has been on the job only about eight months and still has a good deal to learn about the bunchgrass range type and the problems, therein, that should be studied. In our opinion the best way for him to acquire this knowledge is to make a problem selection and an analysis. These are needed also and as usual to provide a basis for additional research in this type. The studies now comprising the bunchgrass project have just grown as a part of the Harvey Valley undertaking. With Harvey Valley put to bed in another year or two our research in the perennial bunchgrass type should be reoriented to better meet the need.

Certainly Reppert will have major direction of the evaluation effort at Harvey Valley and will be primarily responsible for the final report. Our intentions were never otherwise. However, as pointed out before we cannot make this terminal evaluation without help. Our two scientists and one seasonal aid cannot do a significant amount of evaluation work in addition to current studies.

To date we have had no definite word either from Mr. DeNio or Region 5 concerning the availability of additional field help this year. The field phase of Harvey Valley evaluation could start now or at an early date if assistance could be made available.

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Memorandum

Forest Service, San Francisco II, California

4210 (2200)

TO : Director, Pacific Southwest Forest &
Range Experiment Station

DATE: May 20, 1963

FROM : Chas. A. Connaughton, Regional Forester, By

SUBJECT: Range & Wildlife Habitat Programs (Harvey Valley)

Please refer to previous correspondence and discussion regarding assistance from Administration in evaluation of the Harvey Valley rest-rotation demonstration.

In view of the present outlook for range allotment analysis funds for FY 1964, we cannot meet the needs as outlined in Mr. Woolfolk's memorandum of March 20, 1963. However, we recognize that the evaluation is a top priority job and we desire to help with it to the extent we can and still substantially meet funding commitments for range analysis made with the various forests. We offer the following:

1. \$2,000 of FY 1964 funds to be used to employ summer assistants. This will not be available before July 1, but the commitment should enable you to recruit a couple of range students for summer employment.
2. We will contact the Lassen Forest and determine the extent to which their range technicians can be assigned to the Harvey Valley evaluation work in C.Y. 1963 and 1964.
3. By copy of this memorandum to Director Daffio, we will request that the Washington Office Division of Range Management arrange for whatever technical help can be made available from other western regions.

We trust that this will give you enough help to proceed with the evaluation. We hope that this can include remeasurement of a limited number of transects installed by Hormay, as well as fence line comparisons.

We would appreciate an opportunity to review the evaluation plan.

my. CK

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TO : E. J. Woolfolk, Assistant Director - R-W

DATE: May 22, 1963

FROM : Jack N. Reppert - Susanville

SUBJECT: Research Plans, Harvey Valley Evaluation.

We are making progress on the selection of comparable areas for study of vegetation in Harvey Valley and nearby allotments. We had a profitable visit with Jim Mallory in Redding last week. As a result our procedure for finding these comparable areas is well in mind and in fact written down. Briefly it will involve 5 steps:

1. Study of known soil series characteristics within Harvey Valley on prospective study areas.
2. Inspection of Harvey Valley aerial photos to learn how to pick out soil series from photos.
3. Search of photos in other allotments for likely areas of comparability.
4. On the ground study of the outside allotments and picking of the comparable areas.
5. Verification by a soil scientist of the choices made.

This final verification of comparability is essential before any effort is made to measure vegetation differences. Jim Mallory would like to help with this one or two week task. With his interest and skill I think it would be fine to try to get him. The problem would be to get official sanction for this job from the CDF and others concerned. Do you think it will be possible to get Jim for this job?

Another man who might help us is Ken Bradshaw from the R.O. We met Ken in Redding. He thought a request thru channels might get his help for the verification, however he is so busy now he was doubtful if they could get to it this summer.

Jim Mallory said that we might get help from Bill Colwell of the Soil-Veg. survey, Ken Gowans of University Extension, Paul Zinke of University of California or someone in the S.C.S.

I cannot say as yet exactly when we would want this man to make the check. It will be in August most likely. I would like to ask for your help or ideas for obtaining help from this man so that a firm request can be made in the very near future.

Jack N. Reppert

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Regional Forester, R-5

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May 22, 1963

Keith Arnold, Director, R4

Range and Wildlife Habitat Program (Harvey Valley)

This will acknowledge Mr. Davis' memorandum of May 20 commencing the evaluation study to be carried out on the Harvey Valley allotment next fiscal year.

We appreciate the effort that has been made to help us with this task and are very willing to accept the \$1,000 of FY 1964 funds for the employ of summer assistants. This is not going to be easy at this late date and, of course, we have existing problems.

It is hoped that the Lassen Forest will be able to assign a range technician, part time at least, through most of this summer and next to help with this work. Also, the job could be hastened considerably if additional technical assistance could be made available as well as some funds for paying mileage and other expenses of the people concerned.

Plans are well along for the job we expect to do and with your assistance of FY 1964 funds, we will plan to start work on June 10 and continue until early September.

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Yellow to CK

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J. N. Reppert, Project Leader

May 27, 1963

E. J. Woolfolk, Assistant Director

Range and Wildlife Habitat Programs (Harvey Valley)

Your memo of May 22 seems to set forth a logical approach to the selection of study areas in and adjacent to the Harvey Valley allotment. I have discussed with Harry Camp the possibility of having Jim Mallory help with the selection of areas and it seems there will be no problem. You, of course, will be expected to pay his expenses and to allow as much lead time as possible for schedule planning.

This brings up a point of concern on the evaluation effort. If you plan, as indicated, to wait until August for the selection of study areas, there will be little time left this year for sampling those areas. Your men will be budgeted only until early or mid-September. In view of this situation I strongly urge you to get at this job as early as possible and with every available hand. You and Ray have a good deal at stake in this effort. Current studies that can be delayed a year or two without loss of information should be so handled, in my opinion, unless they contribute strongly to this appraisal effort. This is a big job--bigger than you think, I believe, and unless every facet is well planned and every man-day used to the fullest, it isn't going to be completed by the end of the 1964 field season.

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E. J. Woolfolk



Forest Service
Region 9
Milwaukee 3, Wisconsin

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director,
Pacific Southwest Forest & Range Exp. Sta.

FROM : GEORGE S. JAMES, Regional Forester, By

6120 (2220)
DATE: May 31, 1963
Your Ref: 4/25/63 (2220)

SUBJECT: Training - (Regional Range Training Meeting)

The dates of March 16-20, 1964 will be acceptable for the Regional Range Training Meeting. We will now plan on this as a firm date.

cc: Chief
Clark
Mark Twain
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