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Memorandum

TO : E. J. Woolfolk, PSW

DATE: 1640
August 2, 1963

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

SUBJECT: Audio/Visual

AIRMAIL

Joe,

Immediately on completion of your call today regarding the cancelling of the order for the photos, we phoned our Photo Lab and found that they had completed the processing of the prints that you had ordered. The Lab was to have airmailed these to you.

I have requested them to send the prints to our office and the charge will be made to us. I would like to look them over as to their possible future use for illustrative material for budget hearings, etc. We will then forward them to you by regular mail.

Regarding the Harvey Valley situation, Reg tells me that the Region had, before receiving its allotment funds, indicated they would earmark \$2,000, and in the allotment letter that actually went out the Region was given an increase of \$2,000 for allotment analysis which in effect would make a total of \$4,000 that should be devoted to this work. However, the allotment letter itself indicated only \$2,000 for Harvey Valley.

You might discuss this further with Doman. If you need further help I will follow it up in here.

Per,

Only \$2000 made available to date. Doman didn't mention in recent discussions.

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FOREST AND RANGE EXPERIMENT STATION
P. O. Box 245, Berkeley 1, California

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TO : Record

DATE: August 5, 1963 *EJW*

FROM : E. J. Woolfolk, Assistant Director

SUBJECT: Range and Wildlife Habitat Programs (Harvey Valley Evaluation)

On July 9, 10, and 11, some time was spent on the Harvey Valley allotment, Lassen National Forest, with Jack Reppert and his crew. The primary effort of this group is being directed toward re-observation of established and previously recorded transects and plots and the selection of comparable, or at least closely similar, sites on the allotment and outside which may be studies for changes in vegetation and soil.

At the time of my visit a number (16 I believe) of 100-foot transects in Unit I had been re-observed using the bud-influence method. A few additional ones in this unit as well as an undisclosed number in other units of the allotment were scheduled for observation. It was estimated by Ratliff that all transects of this kind would be completed by mid-August. Additional plots and studies will be installed on completion of the transects, as needed and as time permits, to improve the base for vegetation and soil records in Harvey Valley.

Considerable effort had already been made to select suitable additional areas both inside and out the allotment for future study. Some 30 to 50 sites had been examined and on most of these soil pits had been dug. Initially, aerial photos and vegetation and soils maps were examined for the location of similar areas. On-site vegetation and soil studies will provide the basis for final selection of study sites. The attached field form enumerates the points considered for site selection. The soil pits, dug to parent material or other impenetrable strata, are to be examined in detail for profile, pit, texture, series class (if possible) and other characteristics. Soil micro-monoliths will also be made at each pit. Some of this had already been done and training given to Reppert and Ratliff by Jim Mallory, Soil Scientist, loaned from the Soil-Vegetation Survey project. Mallory will return for further assistance to the evaluation effort at least twice before the end of the field season.

Reppert and Ratliff have made good progress in planning and implementing this evaluation effort. They have three temporary field assistants, who are now well trained to do a worthwhile job. Two of these men are paid from the \$2,000 allotted by the Range Division in the R.O. Unless additional funds are received it will be necessary to terminate these

two men before the end of August. In addition, a GS-9 range conservationist from the Lassen has been on hand a few days. It is understood that his assignment was to be for two months, July and August, but during my visit he was pulled off for other work and it seems likely that similar interruptions may occur frequently.

Enclosure

cc: K. W. Parker, W.O.
E. R. Doman, R-5
J. N. Reppert

Comparable Site

Characterization Record

Location : _____ Collector: _____
Allotment: _____
Site No. : _____ Pit No: _____ Date : _____

1. Soil Type: _____
2. Horizons { Exposed : _____
 { Root Zone: _____
3. Veg. Sub-type: _____
4. Aspect: _____
5. Slope: % _____
6. Elevation: _____
7. Distance to permanent water: _____
8. Surface rock classification: _____
9. Accessibility to cattle: _____
10. Timber Cover: (a) Density: _____ (b) Ave. Height: _____
 (c) Ave. DBH: _____ (d) % Basal Cover: _____
11. Other sites to which this one is comparable:

Other Information

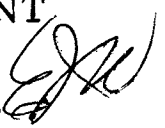
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TO : E. J. Woolfolk, Assistant Director - R-W

DATE: August 13, 1963 

FROM : Jack N. Reppert, Project Leader, Susanville

SUBJECT: Range and Wildlife Habitat Program (Harvey Valley Evaluation).

Your memo of August 5, 1963 gave a good summary of our progress up to the time of your visit to Harvey Valley July 9 thru 11. I think that your last paragraph contains two statements that could be given the wrong interpretations. First, the \$2,000 allotted by the Range Division in the R.O. on July 16, 1963 plus \$1,000 in the bunchgrass project should be enough to carry the 3 men thru pay period 18 (September 13). There will be some money "saved" while Dick Francis is sick plus some unused money to pay the \$105.00 annual leave earned by the 3 men. After this there would still be \$280.00 remaining from the original \$3,000. The fact that Station Management is laying claim to 18% (\$360) of the \$2,000 (re note from C.Keller received 7/25/63) is hard to understand as the people involved here on the Lassen practically assure us that we can charge salaries up to the full \$2,000. Even with \$360.00 going to Station Management I think I can keep these men thru September 6.

The second thing involves the GS-9 referred to in your last paragraph. Bill has worked a total of 20 working days or one calendar month for us. As suggested in the memo from E. R. Doman to the Lassen Forest Supervisor dated June 5, 1963, Bill was to work "on an intermittent basis" so he could do "some important analysis jobs during critical periods." There has been only this one break in his help and we have Phil Lord's assurance that we can have Bill back for the other month anytime we want him. I may have said something during your visit to give the impression that Bill was pulled off for Lassen work after helping only a few days which was not the case.

All this may give the impression that we have little need for additional help. Such is not the case. The search for comparable plots in the "heart" of outside allotments is apparently going to require more time than we thought. We think that our soil pit work may run well into September with considerable soil lab work going on into October. At the same time we must establish these plots this fall and make a start at collecting soil and vegetation data from them. If the funds could be found to keep one man at least into November, I think we could come close to getting these comparable plots all set up.

Jack N. Reppert

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August 14, 1963

Jack N. Reppert, Project Leader
Susanville

E. J. Woolfolk, Assistant Director

Range and Wildlife Habitat Program (Harvey Valley Evaluation)

With reference to your August 13 memo which was in reply to mine of August 5, I have this morning talked to Doman about the possibility of obtaining additional dollars to carry your temporary people beyond your September 6 date. Doman says that the possibility is entirely up to the Lassen Forest and the way in which they may have already budgeted the Range analysis funds allotted there. He will let me know as soon as he investigates the possibility with the Forest.

Regarding these funds - as I told you in my long hand note - yes, the allocation was made to the Station from the Lassen Forest. The money was a small increase in the Range analysis allotment to the Forest. Regardless of what the Forest may have told you about the overhead take here, you should realize that any and all funds coming to the Station are assessed a definite percentage for Station operation. If Mrs. Keller told you that the take this year was 18% you better believe that this was right and reduce your present employees by that amount.

I see nothing in the last two paragraphs of my August 5 memo to cause any concern on the part of the Forest or in the Regional Office. While I was in your office on July 12, Bill Sanderson came in to inform you that he had some important work to do for the Forest and would therefore shift from your job to that one for some indefinite period with your concurrence. My memo simply referred to this change in plans which occurred in my presence and there was no intent on my part to make an issue of it.

If any additional money becomes available for continuing your temporary people on the job into the fall, I will let you know.

EJWOOLFOLK:gws

