UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Bureau of Land Management Washington, D. C. 20240

In Reply Refer To: 4112.15 (712a)

January 3, 1966

Instruction Memo No. 66-7 Expires 6/30/66

To: SD's, DM's and SC's

From: Assistant Director, Resource Management

Subject: Inventory of range allotment plan needs FD 2/15/66

The Bureau's long run objective is to require a range management action plan for each allotment within a planning unit (Grazing Administration Manual, Part 4112.15). The development of these action plans is a logical step following the adjudication program. This plan would indicate how the multiple use objectives, as developed in the planning unit analysis, might be carried out in so far as range management is concerned.

The purpose of the memo is to obtain a stimate of the number of separate allotments involved and the extent of existing operation plans, if any. You should assume each range allotment will contain either different land conditions and/or operator(s). Each separate allotment, therefore, will require a different management plan based upon existing conditions. We wish to emphasize that the range management action plan as described in BLM Manual 4112.15B requires a grazing management system be adopted for each area. The manual Part 4112.16 describes several grazing systems that may be employed. The design of any system may be modified to fit the local conditions as long as the physiological requirements of the vegetation are being satisfied.

It is possible that many areas such as the Type IV planning unit will not require management plans in the forseeable future. These areas should not be included in your inventory. We do not intend for this report to require a lot of your time, particularly field work. The objective is to obtain the <u>best available estimate</u> of the total range management allotment planning needs.

Each district manager should inventory his area of responsibility and submit completed copies of the enclosed form to the State Director. The State Director should then forward one copy for each district to this office (attention 712a) by February 15, 1966. A separate report is requested for "inside" and "outside" the district.

A supply of the format to be used is enclosed. Your narrative comments will be appreciated.

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Enclosure 1 - Range Allotment Plan Needs Inventory

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FROM : R. D. Ratliff, Project Leader

Dote: January 4, 1966

SUBJECT: Range Programs (Outline of Harvey Valley report)

Your reference:

Thank you for your comments on the outline of the Harvey Valley report. Mr. Dunford has asked that I answer the questions you posed in your memo of December 10, 1965. I shall tie my answers to this memo and the report outline.

- II A. This section will deal with the history of grazing use (numbers and seasons) on the allotment rether than the research that has been done. We will treat the Burgess Springs work in Section II B.
- II C. Yas, we plan to present cost figures in this section. This will likely take the form of a table showing what was done, when it was done, and the costs involved.
- IV D. I think you are correct. We were interested in how the -2 cattle gained under the two management systems, not in specific factors influencing their gains.

In reference to your question on browse use by cattle, we have very little infommation on this subject. Bitterbrush was considered in some of our past dilimation work. However, no effort was made to separate use by cattle and deer. I think there is visual evidence to indicate that (in the Manhay Valley area) rest-remation tends to permit a more open grants form of bitterbrush them does season-long grasing. If this is true, then once must be taken not to extend the idea that rest-rotation favore bitterbrush the filed. We must remember that Marvey Valley is on summer deer range. As such, bitterbrush in the area is not subjected to large concentrations of deer in the vinter. An open growth form say result in greater during to bitterbrush than a hedged form in heavy deer

Regarding your last mostion, we can only repeat denote a estimate of the expected improvement seculting from management and from outward of Our studies at Marvey Walley were not designed to determine the solution contributions of management and cultural practices to same improvement. I wish we could separate their effects, but I see no way of doing so.

IN REPLY REFER TO: UNITED STATES 1781.1 (712a) DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240 January 6, 1966 To: SD-Wyo an 124 Some ting Downard Chief, Range Management Staff From:

Subject: Attendance of Gus Hormay at range management clinic -Worland District

Mr. Gus Hormay was contacted on January 4 and he has accepted your invitation to attend the range management clinic, February 20-24 in Wyoming. As per your memorandum (weather permitting), Gus will arrive in Worland via Frontier Airlines on February 20. He has been advised that the meetings will be held in Worland, Greybull, and Cody and, District personnel will arrange transportation from Worland.

The Bureau is fortunate in having Mr. Hormay assist in our range management training program, and you and your staff are to be commended for a range management clinic that will provide the opportunity for the range users to discuss the rest-rotation grazing system.

/s/ Glen D. Fulcher

cc:

Mr. A. L. Hormay Pacific Southwest Station 1960 Addison Street P. O. Box 245 Berkeley, Calif



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Makotapi Project Office 1004 Fifth Avenue Belle Fourche, South Dakota IN REPLY REFER TO: 4412.3

Your Reference 4112.18

January 21, 1966

Mr. A. L. Hormay Pacific Southwest Forest & Range Experiment Station P. O. Box 245 Berkeley, California 94701

Dear Mr. Hormay:

Enclosed is the data for your review, of our Miles City District Rest Rotation grazing system.

The area first selected was in northeastern Montana, but now has been changed to northwestern South Dakota.

Sincerely yours,

Larry M. White Acting Project Manager

Enclosures: 1 c - Narrative 1 c each -Enclosures #1-17

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We have proposed two formulas. Proposal No. 1 is our first choice because it allows l_2^i years for seedling establishment. Our only reservation is that perhaps the range and livestock may not do as well because of using one pasture twice in succession for summer use(critical period) before it is rested. Would you please comment on our choice?

The stocking rate for the rest rotation system is the same number and length of time as in the past when the livestock were run on the same area only under continuous grazing. The only change will be increased utilization according to the proposed formula which requires rests.

One of our greatest problems has been the number of pastures. There are, according to our calculations, 720 different possible numbering systems for 6 pastures. Under Proposal No. 1, the rancher says he needs pasture No. 4 or 1 or 5 available for winter use. This has worked out under Proposal No 1 numbering sequence except for one year; that year pasture No. 6 was available which was alright with the rancher. The reason for the rancher's preference for winter, is the need of protection from winter weather conditions. Last year they lost 10 head of livestock in one night. The numbering sequence of Proposals No. 1 & 2 are deficient one year. It requires that one herd of cows be driven from pasture 3 to pasture 1. We have checked about 30 of the possible numbering sequences and the present sequence is the best we have found thus far. Could you give us any help or suggestions one the numbering sequences? The livestock can move any direction so long as the next pasture is adjacent to the first. There are no topographical limitations.

We want to relocate the minimum amount of fence possible in balancing the capacities of each pasture. If all interior fences were to be rebuilt, the pastures could probably be designed to eliminate driving the one herd. The one new fence will be built this spring; the other two fences will not be relocated until next year after one grazing season.

The dates for flowering, seed ripe, regrowth of leaves and regrowth of flower stalks are some guess work, but we found supporting literature for most of them, from our own state or surrounding states.

One of the minor faults of our system is that we cannot wait to change pastures until after all the warm season grasses have set seed. Our change of pastures is September 1st, and to include all warm season grasses which constitute 1/2 of 1% of all vegetation, we would need to wait until Oct. 1st. It is possible that to wait the extra 30 days for only 1/2 of 1% is not justified, and possibly the warm season grasses will still set seed before being grazed off after we turn the livestock into the pasture. It will take a while before the livestock will graze all vegetation and maybe by that time the warm season grasses will have set seed.

We will be glad to accept any suggestions. We regret that this report is late, but it took some time to design the system after it was changed from northeastern Nontana to northwestern South Dakota. FORM 6200-8 (1/64) UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Department of Agriculture-Forest Service Berkeley, California 94701

TO : Chief

File No. 2200

FROM : John R. McGuire, Director, By

Date: January 21, 1966

SUBJECT: Range

Your reference:

AIRMAIL

Enclosed is a draft of the range training guide prepared by Hormay. During his training courses Hormay presented this material with the aid of 35 mm. Kodachrome slides and illustrations drawn by hand during lectures on easel-mounted paper sheets. Practically no use was made of a blackboard or of hang-up charts. Most tables and graphs as well as range scenes were presented in slides.

Prospective instructors should be able to round up and prepare locally most of the material they need for teaching, including photographs of local conditions and problems. Most if not all graphs and tables can be obtained from the guide and references. Under separate cover we are sending you 41 slides illustrating the basic grazing management problem and its solution and examples of range reactions to this molution. Comparable photographs may not be available locally. Arrangements can be made to supply duplicates of these and other slides to those needing them.

We would appreciate your comments and suggestions on the guide. If you find it acceptable we can process it locally as a Station release. Kindly give us an estimate of the number of copies that may be needed by National Forest administration, Bureau of Land Management and other agencies.

Separate cover: 41 slides

cc: Parker, W.O. (w/guide and slides)

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FORM 6200-8 (1/64) UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Department of Agriculture-Forest Service Berkeley, Calif. 94701

IO : E. G. Dunford, Assistant Director

File No. 4210

FROM : R. D. Ratliff, Project Leader Dote: January 21, 1966

SUBJECI: Range Programs (Work plans for Bunchgrass Your reference: Project for remainder of FY '66 and FY '67)

1. Work on comparable plots established during the evaluation of Harvey Valley:

The information we plan to obtain is not necessary to the inservice report due this June. However, we may include the information in our published report. The information is necessary to round out our pictures of a few plots and provide the base for later comparisons.

- a) Obtain plant vigor and herbage yield measurements on 3 pair of low elevation meadow plots. We propose to put up temporary fences (snow type) around 4 of these plots. Two of the plots that will be fenced are in the Lower Pine Creek allotment, one is in Gray's Valley, and the fourth is in Harvey Valley. We will remove the fences by August 1, 1966.
- b) Obtain plant cover and composition on 5 pair of plots. One of these was done in 1964; however, a great difference in amounts of one species makes remeasurement advisable. Grazing on two pair prevented accurate species determination on the Harvey Valley plots last year. The other two pair are in areas of light use and were placed last in our priorities for measurement.
- c) Complete measurement of trees on three plots. If completed in time this information will be included in the in-service report.
- d) Forage utilization checks will be carried out as planned.
- 2. Removal of excess transect and plot stakes:
 - a) We will remove all of the "density-yield and utilization" transect stakes in Harvey Valley. These transects have no future value.

- b) We will remove all stakes marking the locations of the "yield collection" areas. These areas were marked off by Ratliff in 1957. They haven't been used since.
- c) We will remove the stakes marking the plots established for the study "Rest-rotation vs. season-long management in logged-over ponderosa pine." With the view of moving into new areas of research, this study will be dropped.
- 3. Cooperation with Agricultural Research Service:
 - a) Lynn Hylton of the ARS will determine for us the plant part best suited for determining nitrogen levels in <u>Festuca ida-</u> <u>hoensis</u>. Also, he will determine the critical level of nitrogen for growth of this species.
 - b) We plan a field test of the laboratory results. The test will involve fertilizing a good stand of Festuca idahoensis with 4 levels of nitrogen, including a check. The location of the test area will be worked out with the Lassen National Forest. Fertilizer will be put on in late fall of 1966. Sampling will be completed by August of 1967, and plot markers will be removed at the end of the study.
- 4. Exclosures in Harvey Valley:

Six of the exclosures in Harvey Valley have "bud-influence" transects in them. I want these maintained until a decision is reached on whether to remeasure, at some future date, using the bud-influence technique. I will make this decision by July of 1967.

I have talked to Phil Lord and Fred Alberico about most of these plans. They see no objections to the temporary fencing of a few plots on the work planned with Lynn Hylton. However, they feel the o.k. for this should come down to them through the normal channels so everyone knows what we are doing and why. To this end, please inform the Regional Office of these plans.

January 25, 1966 Your reference: 4412.3 1/21

Larry M. White Acting Project Manager Makotapi Project Office Bureau of Land Management 1004 Fifth Avenue Belle Fourche, South Dakota

Dear Larry:

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You have done real well in thinking through a rest-rotation grazing plan for the Crago Brothers Battle Creek allotment. Your plan No. 1 is superior to plan No. 2. As you are well aware the present pasture layout is not ideal but with a slight adjustment in plan No. 1, I think you can get acceptable results in both the range and livestock. I suggest you fit treatment F in between treatments B and C in your plan, graze in treatment B and rest yearlong in treatment D. This will give you the formula shown on an attached sheet. It provides adequately for plant vigor and seed production and provides two growing seasons of rest for seedlings.

It appears that under this plan stock will not have to be moved across fields in any year if the pastures are numbered as I'm suggesting. Also I believe you have enough grazing capacity and sufficient flexibility in the grazing formula to operate without relocating the two fences to even up the grazing capacities of the pastures. I would put in the new fence and then after operating under the most restrictive combination of pastures, decide if relocation is necessary. The seed-ripe date of about September 1 looks satisfactory, everything considered. I'm assuming the stockman is interested not only in having one or more of the three pastures you mentioned (numbers 1, 4 or 5 in Proposal No. 1) available to livestock during winter, but in having largely ungrazed forage in at least one of the fields at the beginning of the winter period.

Management under the suggested plan would proceed as follows:

Split the hord into two groups and graze in pastures receiving treatments A and C. Proportion the number of animals between pastures according to the grazing capacity of the partures. The animals can be allowed to run

freely between the two pastures in cases where the pastures lie adjacent to each other. As a generality the livestock can be allowed to run freely among all adjoining pastures after the pastures are opened to use. By the beginning of the winter period in this case, the entire area scheduled for grazing during the year could be made available to the animals.

If there is not enough capacity in the A and C pastures to carry the stock until seed-ripe time, open either the pasture receiving treatment F or the pasture receiving treatment B whichever is directly accessible and available for use. Use the F pasture if there is a choice. It is unlikely that either the F or B fields would be needed before flowering time. But if necessary use them. When seed is ripe open the field receiving treatment D to use. Finally at the beginning of the winter period open the fifth field--the one receiving either treatment B or F.

Attached is a set of diagrams showing the pasture layout and disposition of livestock for each year of a grazing cycle starting in 1966. I've set up the sequence so you can operate in 1966 even if the new fence is not finished. Pastures are designated by numbers and grazing treatments by letters. The field rested yearlong is hatched red. The critical fields needed in winter and available to the animals are checked in blue. The field in which the treatment letter is circled is not used until the beginning of the winter period.

The best of luck.

Sincerely yours,

A. L. Horney

A. L. HORMAY Range Conservationist

Enclosures

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Memorandum

Department of Agriculture-Forest Service Berkeley, California 94701

TO : Jack N. Reppert, RM

FROM : Raymond D. Ratliff

File No. **4200**

Your reference:

Date: January 31, 1966

SUBJECT: Range Research (Travel plans and Harvey Valley Report)

Dear Jack:

Due to the press of travel restrictions we will have to drop one of your trips out here to work on the Harvey Valley report. From the standpoint of data processing, it would be best to drop your February trip rather than a later one.

In place of this trip, perhaps we can set up a schedule of phone calls to discuss things. Bunford and I will call you on February 8 to talk about this.

I am sending you two sections of the report that I have roughed out. You know what to do with them.

I'll trade you this fog and smog for some of the sun and clean air.

ec: Dunford