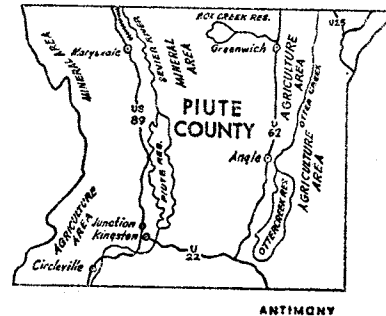


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September 1, 1972

Mr. A. L. Harmay
Bureau of Land Management
P. O. Box 245
Berkeley, California 94701

Handwritten signature/initials

Dear Gus:

Thank you for the picture. My wife treasures it.

I had written to you to express our gratitude for your contribution to our range tour, but the letter was returned because of "insufficient address." Postal employees need to know which box to put the mail in. Anyway, thank you for your contribution, for your suggestions, advice, knowledge and wisdom.

I believe that we had a very successful range tour. It was an educational experience for me, as well as others. I won't know for some time yet whether it was a tactical success in achieving improved use and production on some of our ranges. If you have any suggestions that may help us locally in dealing with agency people in achieving greater production, especially on the Circleville permit where we had all of our stops after lunch, I would appreciate hearing them.

Since we are desparately in need of greater production to keep this country alive economically, I would also appreciate any suggestions you would care to make on how to get the BLM to do some experimental work on how to convert several thousand acres that have been virtually worthless for the past twenty or thirty years into productive winter range.

I would also appreciate comments on the planning and conducting of the tour. We may want to do this again soon. I planned the stops carefully, but left it as informal structurally as possible to allow for interpersonal interchange of thoughts and ideas and to allow agency people to hear the views of the land users without their coming from me. I thought it worked well, but there may be better ways. Your experience would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature: Bob

Dr. Robert H. Teichert

RHT/gm



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September 11, 1972

Mr. A. L. Hormay
Range Conservationist
Forest Service
Pacific Southwest Forest and Range
Experiment Station
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Berkeley, California 94701

Dear Gus:

I am enclosing the photo point review sheets on the Pleasant View area, Idaho. Sorry to be so long getting them to you, but I had a few problems following some tracks.

Sincerely,

Hugh Harper
Hugh Harper
Wildlife Specialist

Enclosures

PHOTO POINT REVIEW

Area Marsh Valley, Idaho

Date July 27, 1972

Pasture North

Reviewed by Hormay, Harris, Harper

Photo No.	Distance From *	Photo Repeated	Photo Not Repeated	Remarks
7398	.3	Yes		Both beside road, marked
7399	.3	Yes		w/steel post
Temp #1	.3	New		80' south of road
Temp #2	.3	New		180' south of road
7400	.75	Yes		above spring - Aspen & Juniper

Same area

*Base Point: Gate on civilization side of corral on Yellow Dog Spring drainage.

PHOTO POINT REVIEW

Area Pleasant View, Idaho

Date July 26, 1972

Pasture South Fork, Wood Canyon

Reviewed by Hornay, Harris, Harper

Photo No.	Distance From * Photo Repeated	Photo Not Repeated	Remarks
8862	at the gate	Yes	
10874	.15	Yes	
11565	.15	Yes	
7396	.9+	Yes	South side of road
6237	.9+	Yes	South side of road
11560	1.35	Yes	Univ of Idaho enclosure } 2 west of excl
11561	1.35	Yes	Univ of Idaho enclosure } 1 east
11562	1.35	Yes	Univ of Idaho enclosure } of excl
10864	3.8	Yes	S. Fk. of Wood Canyon (Below boundary
10865	3.8		S. Fk. of Wood Canyon between 1 & 6)
Temp #1		New	Below, but close to East Boundary Fence up S. Fk. Wood Canyon

Same area

*Base Point: Fence at mouth of Wood Canyon, at the gate.

PHOTO POINT REVIEW

Area Pleasant View, Idaho Page 1

Date July 26, 1972

Pasture Jensen Pass Road

Reviewed by Harper, Harris, Hormay

Photo No.	Distance From * Repeated	Photo Repeated	Photo Not Repeated	Remarks
11497	0	Yes		Near 6202
6202	0		No	Near 11497
8793	.1+		No	
8794	.3	Yes		These 2 are close together
11498	.3			" "
10835	.3	Yes		75' W of 8794
10836	.3	Yes		27' W of 10835
8795	.5			No steel post. painted rock on N side of road
6200	.9+		No	
6203	.9	Yes		200' S of road on summit
6233				
8797	1.4	Yes		50' from transmission tower
8796	1.5	Yes		100' above road - dove nest also
11499	1.5	Yes		" " "
10837	1.5	Yes		" " "
8807	2.05			
11435	2.05			
11437	2.05			8806 & 10846 are dupes of 11437
8805	3.05	Yes		

same area {

same area {

*Base Point: is location of Photo No. 1 (11497) which is .9 mile west of summit.

Mileages are from 11497 proceeding eastward.

PHOTO POINT REVIEW

Area Pleasant View, Idaho Page 2

Date July 26, 1972

Pasture Jensen Pass Road

Reviewed by Hornay, Harris, Harper

Photo No.	Distance From	Photo * Repeated	Photo Not Repeated	Remarks
JPTemp 1	2.1	Yes		50' S of road
JPTemp 2	2.15	Yes		50' S of road
JPTemp 3	2.65	Yes		50' S of road

*Base Point: See Page 1.

PHOTO POINT REVIEW

Area Pleasant View, Idaho

Date July 26, 1972

Pasture Jensen Pass Branch Road

Reviewed by Hormay, Harper, Harris

Photo No.	Distance From	Photo		Remarks
		* Repeated	Not Repeated	
Same area { 8799	.3	Yes		Both of these photos taken from center of detention dam.
	10842	Yes		
	11458	.3	Yes	
Same area { 8804	.4	Yes		
	10838	.4+	Yes	150' upstream from 8804 on right
	8802	.4+	Yes	
	10839	.5	Yes	

*Base Point: Junction of Jensen Pass Road and Jensen Pass Branch Road.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12th 1972

MEETING OF THE IDAHO RANGE USE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Challis, Idaho - American Legion Hall

Bud Purdy called the meeting to order at 7:50 P.M. after the dinner provided by the Ladies of American Legion Auxiliary. Bud introduced the individuals at the head table and requested that the others in attendance introduce themselves. A list of those in attendance is attached.

Mr. Gus Hormay was asked to comment on the rest-rotation plan developed for the Morgan Creek area. Gus stated that he wanted to reserve most of his remarks for the field tour. The purpose of the management plan was discussed through questioning of those in attendance. Mr. Delbert Hughes commented on the purpose for the livestock users of the area. Bill Davidson spoke to the purpose of the plan with respect to wild-life resources. Sam Warren of the U.S. Forest Service and Ed Jones of the Bureau of Land Management responded with respect to the resources under their various jurisdictions. The concensus of all participating in the discussion was that the purpose of the plan was to increase and maintain productivity of all land resource products. It was expressed that this could be accomplished by maximizing or optimizing all land values and products through management of vegetation and that livestock grazing is an indispensable tool for improving vegetative cover for all resources uses and values. Mr. Hormay then summarized the theory and principles behind rest-rotation grazing. He commented that the three treatment system designed for Morgan Creek is an ideal formula for accomplishing the objectives stated above. It was pointed out that many problems may arise in the initial stages of the program and that substantial modifications may be needed. Adjustments should be made to improve the program to accomplish the desired objectives.

Mr. Hormay asked the individuals directly involved with management and use of the area what problems had developed in connection with the program. Mr. Delbert Hughes indicated for the livestock rancher that some difficulty in the movement of cattle from Unit One to Unit Two was experienced. He commented that some of the fences may be improperly located and that some mistakes in the time and method of movement of animals had occurred. Delbert indicated that there may be a need for fencing to keep cattle out of the heavy timber in Unit One. Bill Davidson of the Idaho Fish and Game Department indicated that it was not possible to identify problems at the present time because of the short duration that the program had been in effect. He indicated that although there is no worry about use in Pasture One, feed is still found on the ridges in that unit. Rex Christensen of the Salmon District of the Bureau of Land Management commented that there was some difficulty experienced in operating according to the specified plan. A cold spring with shortgrass required that both Units One and Two be used in the early part of the season. After about a two week period, the animals were moved from Unit two so that regrowth on the grass could be obtained. Other than this problem the plan appears to be working reasonably well from the standpoint of the Bureau of Land Management. Mr. Sam Warren, District Ranger on the Salmon Forest commented that the main problem with respect to the prairie basin portion of the allotment was that there were too few cattle in Pasture Two after seed ripe time. Moving animals from Pasture One to Pasture Two appeared to be the principle difficulty in the operation of the plan.

Lawrence Bradbury asked Mr. Hormay if the esthetically unpleasing appearance of the heavy use pasture created difficulties in the use of rest-rotation program. Mr. Hormay

replied that the pasture may be spoiled esthetically for that year under heavy use, but that rest-rotation does not specify heavy use necessarily. This is decided by the land manager as to what level of use is to be obtained under rest-rotation grazing. The program provides for maintenance of land value regardless of utilization levels. The level of grazing called for is dictated by the particular set of circumstances occurring on each particular area.

Mr. Cliver Cliff of the Forest Service Regional Office in Ogden commented that there is a considerable concern over the bighorn sheep habitat in the Morgan Creek area. He indicated that James R. Miller, feature writer for Reader's Digest will be writing an article blasting the esthetics of the bighorn sheep range, and that Jim Morgan will have another article concerning bighorn sheep in Field and Stream. According to Cliver Cliff, the issues appear to be whether livestock will or will not be allowed to graze on public lands. He suggested that perhaps a feature writer should be contacted to present a viewpoint on the value of livestock grazing on public lands. Bud Purdy commented that much needs to be done in information dissemination. Noh Brackett pointed out that this was one of the purposes of the Idaho Range Use Coordinating Committee. Ray Bedke indicated that a lot of the difficulties stemmed from the unfavorable publicity appearing in the Life magazine article of a couple of years ago. Bruce Godfrey of the University of Idaho indicated that if one opinion versus another opinion is used as a basis for enlightening the general public, that this would not be very effective. Bill Matthews, State Director of the Bureau of Land Management, indicated that information from Hugh Harper showed that a number of other publications will have articles on Morgan Creek. Among these are a Colorado magazine, World Wildlife, Sierra Club, the October issue of Field and Stream, December issue of Reader's Digest, January-February National Geographic, High Country News, Inquiry-National Resource Defense Council.

In connection with the cattle movement problem, Delbert Hughes asked Gus Hormay if it would be acceptable in the plan to let some cattle remain in Unit One even though scheduled to move to Unit Two. Gus responded that they could be left where they were.

Bud Purdy introduced Dr. Binns who thanked the coordinating committee for help in getting Larkspur Research funded. He explained the previous work conducted with Mr. Lynn Davis and work at Malad Idaho. The development of the project in Idaho was traced and the present results were indicated. The site at Ashton was fenced during the spring period so that six pastures providing three treatments with two replications could be studied. The treatments consisted of a control in which no supplemental materials were provided, a treatment in which an absorbent agent was provided and a treatment in which a mineral mixture was used. Dr. Binns stressed that the Larkspur alleviators are not a panacea for preventing livestock losses. It appears however, that animals consuming the alleviators daily are much less susceptible to Larkspur poisoning.

In the trials at Dubois this past summer, two animals in the control treatment died and four animals became sick. One animal died in a pasture where the animals were fed an alleviator. In the trials at Ashton one animal died in the control pasture and one animal died in the pasture receiving an alleviator. It appears that the animal in the supplemental pasture died because the alleviator was not being consumed. A rancid condition caused by corn oil in the mixture was thought to be the cause of little or no consumption.

Mr. Lynn Davis, technician for Dr. Binns, expressed appreciation for the cooperation of all groups involved in the Larkspur research program. He is convinced that beef can be made from Larkspur forage if the animals will consume the alleviator.

Dr. Binns indicated a side-benefit from the material being fed to the animals for prevention of Larkspur losses. Since the mixture contains iodine it is thought that this reduces the amount of foot rot in the animals. At Ashton, there were five cases of foot rot in the control pasture and only one case in any of the pastures in which supplements were fed. Bud Purdy commented that since he has been feeding the minerals he hasn't lost a calf, nor has there been any indication of foot rot in his animals. This occurred in a field where he has experienced about a 2% loss during previous years.

Bill Davidson, reporting on the status of the bighorn sheep, indicated that it is too early in the program to ascertain the impact on the bighorn sheep and the bighorn sheep habitat. It appears the population had stabilized but that production is still low. He indicated that if the program is successful, an increase in bighorn sheep can be expected. The Idaho Fish and Game Department plans on monitoring the population over the next period of years. At the present time there is a ewe-lamb ratio of about 25% whereas the bighorn sheep are capable of a 70-80% lamb crop. Steve Hawks of the Bureau of Land Management commented that bighorn sheep sometimes abandon a range permanently after there has been some change in habitat conditions. There is some indication that bighorn sheep will not return even though habitat conditions have been improved.

Sam Warren announced that he had been transferred to another ranger district and that Bryant Christensen would be the ranger on the Challis Forest involving the Morgan Creek area. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

ATTENTION: THE NEXT MEETING OF THE RANGE USE COORDINATING COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD IN BOISE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE IDAHO CATTLEMAN'S ANNUAL MEETING. THIS MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 4th . ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE URGED TO ATTEND, TO CONSIDER SOME IMPORTANT ISSUES RELATIVE TO GRAZING LIVESTOCK ON PUBLIC LANDS.

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September 18, 1972

ATTENDANCE AT THE IDAHO RANGE USE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

September 12, 1972
 American Legion Hall
 Challis, Idaho

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Bedke, Ray C.	Vice-Chairman IRUCC, Box 283	Oakley
Benjamin, Dick	Supervisor, Challis National Forest	Challis
Binns, Wayne	ARS, 1150 East 14th North	Logan (Utah)
Brackett, Noy	Idaho Cattlemen's Association	Twin Falls
Bradbury, Lawrence	(Rancher)	Challis
Burkhardt, Wayne	Ida. Dept. Public Lands, Route #1, Box 400 - Beeches Corner	Idaho Falls
Christensen, Bryant	U.S. Forest Service	Challis
Christenson, Rex	Area Manager, Bureau of Land Mgmt.	Salmon
Cliff, Oliver	U.S. Forest Service, 324 - 25th Street	Ogden (Utah)
Davidson, Bill	Idaho Fish and Game - Box 1336	Salmon
Davis, John	SCS - P.O. Box 981	Idaho Falls
Davis, Lynn M.	Agricultural Research Service	Clifton
Dobbs, Grant	(Morgan Creek permittee)	Challis
Everhart, Marshall	Idaho Wildlife Federation, 126 East Main	Jerome
Fay, Tim	Bureau of Land Mgmt.	Salmon
Finlayson, Harry R.	Bureau of Land Mgmt.	Salmon
Finn, Andy	Ranger, Salmon National Forest	Salmon
Fulton, Donald	SCS - 304 North 8th Street	Boise
Godfrey, E. Bruce	University of Idaho	Moscow
Graves, Bob	Salmon National Forest	Salmon
Hanna, Paul	Idaho Fish and Game	Challis
Harper, Hugh	Bureau of Land Mgmt. - 550 West Fort St.	Boise
Hawks, Stephen	Bureau of Land Mgmt.	Salmon
Hormay, A. L. (Gus)	P.O. Box 245	Berkeley, Ca.
Hughes, Delbert	(Morgan Creek permittee)	Challis
Jenson, Gene	Salmon National Forest	Salmon
Jones, Walter (Ed)	Bureau of Land Mgmt. - Box 1867	Idaho Falls
Mathews, Bill	State Director BLM - 550 West Fort St.	Boise
Nielson, Errol	Idaho Fish and Game	Boise
Olsen, John	Secretary, Idaho Cattlemen's Association	Boise
Peterson, Don	Challis National Forest Range Conservationist	Challis

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>
Power, Gary	Idaho Fish and Game	Challis
Purdy, L. (Bud)	Chairman, IRUCC	Picabo
Roberts, Hadley B.	U.S. Forest Service Salmon National Forest	Salmon
Salter, Bob	Idaho Fish and Game	Boise
Samson, Ralph	Idaho Dept. of Public Lands - State House	Boise
Savage, John	(Morgan Creek permittee)	Challis
Sharp, Lee	University of Idaho	Moscow
Stanton, Frank	BLM - Portland Service Center	Portland (Ore)
Warren, Sam	Ranger, U.S. Forest Service	Challis
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Sept. 13, 1972

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Dear Gus,

Again, we are indebted to you. That the 1972 State Multiple Use Advisory Board Tour was a success is due, in a large part, to your skill in interpreting the rest-rotation system as it is being applied in Pleasant View.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

John R. Killough

John R. Killough
Acting State Director

P. O. Box 245
Berkeley, Ca. 94701

September 25, 1972

Memorandum

To: William S. Earp, District Manager, Safford, Arizona
From: A. L. Hormay, Range Conservationist, Berkeley
Subject: Catlett McEuen Estate Allotment Management Plan

Dear Bill:

Thanks for the copy of the Catlett McEuen Estate Allotment Management Plan. I still have not had time to read it closely, but the general design is good.

I hope you use all the flexibility inherent in a rest-rotation grazing system as you get under way. It is important that the plan be practical and one that the user can live with and is happy about.

Did you get sufficient precipitation and growth to start the system this summer? If so, please let me know which pastures were used and about problems, if any, that have cropped up. I'm particularly interested in hearing about the reactions of the user.



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September 26, 1972

Memorandum

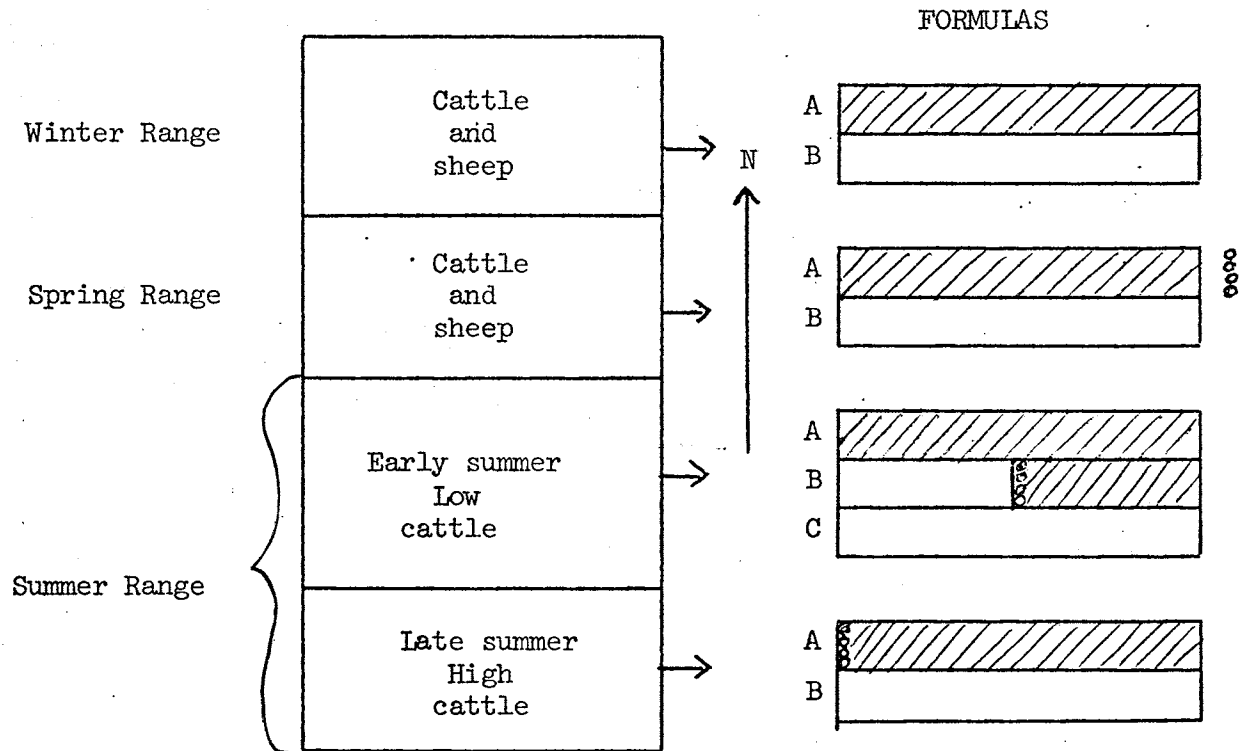
To: Lloyd H. Ferguson, District Manager, Fillmore, Utah

From: A. L. Hormay, Range Conservationist, Berkeley

Subject: Management of Wah Wah Allotment

Dear Lloyd:

When I saw you last I said I had some thoughts on the management of the Wah Wah Allotment and would talk to you and Ken Satterfield directly about them. Until then the following schematic sketch and comments will give you an idea of what I had in mind.



In other words, I am suggesting four independent grazing systems.

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|---------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Winter | 2 pastures |
| 2. Spring | 2 pastures |
| 3. Early summer | 3 pastures |
| 4. Late summer (after seed-ripe time) | 2 pastures |

This arrangement provides better opportunity for balancing grazing capacities among the various ranges and pastures. It should also provide more flexibility in handling livestock.

I hope you find these suggestions useful. I will be glad to discuss the allotment further with you. However, it is not likely I could visit you before this coming spring.