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REPLY TO: 6130 Employment and Status Changes

July 3, 1973

SUBJECT: Clerical Support for A. L. Hormay



TO: Marshall E. Spencer, Assistant Director

You will recall that several weeks ago we discussed the question of providing clerical support for Gus Hormay of the Bureau of Land Management. Mrs. Stafford has been handling this, and I believe we agreed that other arrangements should be made at the time the Station went to the new staff organization.

Since the Director's June 20 memo put the new organization into effect, now would be an appropriate time to make the shift of Mr. Hormay's support.

I mentioned this situation to Hormay after you and I discussed it, so that he is aware that we will be making the change.

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July 3, 1973

Memorandum

To: Director, Bureau of Land Management, Wash., D. C.

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

Subject: Rest-rotation and multiple-use land management

We did not have time to discuss all the points I had in mind on rest-rotation management and its relation to the work of the Bureau in the meeting with George Turcott, Nolan Keil and Kay Wilkes in your office June 14, 1973. I am recalling the more important of these points briefly here for possible future consideration.

As you know, I have been explaining principles of rest-rotation management and multiple-use management of renewable wildland resources to Bureau personnel since 1964 -- almost 9 years. Yet the Bureau still does not have a single multiple-use management plan based on rest-rotation management principles nor an area under such management. I am discouraged by the Bureau's poor reception of the ideas I have been promoting. The weak understanding of rest-rotation, multiple-use management in the Bureau is evident in my report of January 28, 1972 on a questionnaire on rest-rotation management directed at Bureau employees.

I believe firmly that the only way the Bureau can hope to achieve its goals in wildland management and maintain a high quality natural environment is by embracing the concept of rest-rotation management. I hope the Bureau will take a closer, more serious look at this management principle. To this end I suggest the Bureau:

1. Give more pointed training in the principles of rest-rotation, multiple-use management to all its professional employees (A 1-day course).
2. Train all its professional employees in procedures for preparing rest-rotation, multiple-use management plans and for evaluating management results (Probably a 2-day course).

3. Invite concerned and interested people outside the Bureau to participate in the programs under 1 and 2 above.

To practice rest-rotation, multiple-use land management effectively and efficiently will require adjustments in the Bureau in such areas as:

1. Organization
2. Funding
3. Personnel training
4. Planning and management program development
5. Service Center function and authority

I believe the Bureau should make its objectives and policies on renewable resources more pointed and clear to all concerned people inside and outside the Bureau. The statement should be based on authorizing legislation and on biological facts. I cannot emphasize this point too strongly. It is the foundation for all planning, management and communications. It puts direction and meaning into the Bureau's work.

I shall be glad to discuss the foregoing and other points with you at your convenience, and to help work out a program along the lines I've indicated, should you find this approach promising. My future work plans depend on your reply to this memorandum.



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Dear Gus:

Many thanks for spending the day of June 28 with Dave and Virg at Wells Meadow. I am sure that they picked up many good points that would have otherwise went unnoticed.

Virg talked to Gus Voget the other day and they determined that about 35-40% of the total forage comes from the Wells Meadow Allotment. This was arrived at by figuring the cattle are on Federal Range for six months, but that approximately 20-25% of their diet during that time is alfalfa. This being due to some supplemental feeding and a few head in the feedlot with sore feet.

If you have any additional questions please give us a call.

Sincerely,

Kenneth C. Boyer

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Memorandum

To: State Director, California State Office

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

Subject: Wells Meadow Cattle Allotment, Bakersfield District

I visited the Wells Meadow Allotment on June 28, 1973 to obtain information on management results for use at the summer meeting of the Idaho Wildlife Federation in Challis, Idaho, July 13, 1973. Dave Babb, Wildlife Biologist, and Virgil Henke, Range Specialist, accompanied me in the field. I discussed the allotment with Ken Boyer, Area Manager, in considerable detail.

The allotment is responding remarkably well considering the harsh site conditions and the fact management has not been applied as close to plan as desired. I am pleased with results. The main purpose of the management program on the area -- namely improvement of overall land productivity -- is being realized. Previous downward trends in vegetation and land conditions are being reversed.

Browse production is increasing, especially in the case of bitterbrush. Plants are being hedged into desired form and are yielding considerably more usable-herbage. Because of understocking and young cattle, desired grazing pressure has not been realized in 7 of the 8 years management has been in effect. Grazing intensity approaching that desired was obtained in 1972. Response of bitterbrush to this use in terms of hedging and stimulation of growth was quite striking in June when I was on the allotment. It will be even more evident later in the season.

A substantial number of bitterbrush seedlings from the 1968 crop have become established. They are now 3 to 6 inches in diameter. Seedlings probably will not establish in quantity on this dry site more frequently than once in 15 to 20 years.

Black brush, Mormon Tea, Desert Ceanothus, Desert Peach, big sagebrush and rabbit brush are responding as expected. Sagebrush reproduction is establishing in mass in many plant interspaces. Desert Ceanothus was

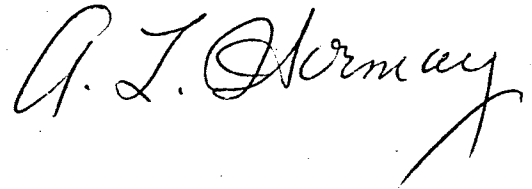
frozen and probably killed in a wide band on the west side of pastures 1 and 4 this past winter.

Perennial forbs and grasses are increasing slowly. Reproduction is scant because of limited seed sources and harsh site conditions.

A method for evaluating management results on the allotment has not been adopted yet and should be soon. This is an important if not unique allotment, and the need for information on management results is great.

The photographs that are being taken of individual bitterbrush plants on the allotment need not be repeated until changes in the plants are clearly evident -- probably once in 4 or 5 years. Likely not more than 15 to 20 plants will have to be rephotographed in any given year.

Management on this allotment should be tightened and results followed more closely. Many wildland interests in the country are now aware of the work on this area and are following it with great interest.



cc: DM, Bakersfield
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