

ASSIGNMENTS for Norway

[1974]

1. Continue to monitor and evaluate selected grazing management plans in the various States. A partial list of these is attached. Others in other States should be added. Consider some of these as demonstration areas which could be used to help indoctrinate resource managers and various publics as to the practicality, feasibility and value of the principles of rest-rotation management of western range lands.

As you evaluate the selected areas, identify the needed changes and improvements so that these deficiencies can be corrected as quickly as possible and the desired management can be provided.

2. There are a number of ~~outstanding~~ outstanding "sore spots" on the national resource lands needing corrective action. A partial list covering some Idaho problems is attached. Similar lists will be provided for the other states. Though we don't have specific knowledge now, we keep hearing rumbles from Montana about the degree of flexibility exercised there ~~and~~ having adverse effects on resource values other than livestock forage. Wildlife people ~~in particular~~

are concerned particularly in regard to too much livestock use on big game winter ranges, and breaking up of waterfowl and game bird nests during spring use.

Something is apparently wrong in Wyoming. Many of the BLM people are saying RR-grazing does not work.

You have already been provided a copy of Dr. Richard E. Eckert's Evaluation of RR-Grazing Management in Nevada. Nevada's livestock grazing management will receive a 3-week long evaluation in April and we had better look at that evaluation to see what is discovered.

In the southwest, particularly ^{southern} New Mexico, there is a tendency to disregard 'cool-season' grasses in some areas and in some areas many people want to disregard all perennial grasses and just rely on the annual grasses and forbs.

Additional help is needed on these problems identified above and many others.

An ever-increasing problem is generated by the desire of a significant number

of ranchers wanting to convert from sheep to cattle.

Wild horses ~~are~~ and burros are present in greater numbers and in more states than we had visualized. With as yet no effective means of regulating numbers, in some areas people have ~~been~~ documented an ~~an~~ increase in population size of about 25-30% annually and are wondering how to manage allotments where horses and/or burros are present.

~~The~~ Considerable help is needed on the problems identified above and on many others.

3. It is apparent our BLM Manuals on livestock grazing management need revision and correction. We want your ~~own~~ ideas and input on these manuals

4. We need a high-quality brochure on the principles and documented evidence on the value of RR management of national resource lands.

~~What equipment, what arrangements, how much travel money~~

5. We have transferred Hugh Harper into the Denver Service Center to work on these same problems. He has indicated there is much he could learn from you and hopes to be able to work with you on these problems. We would like your suggestions about his further training and development.

6. What equipment, what arrangements, how much travel money (\$4,500?) etc. ~~to~~ will you need to operate in accordance with the work plan we develop?

Field Assignments for Horway

NEW & CRITICAL AREAS

1. Western part of Shoshone District, Idaho
2. Sheldon Game Range - Susanville & Winnemucca Dists.
& ELKO (?) Dists.
3. Kofa Game Range - Phoenix Dist. (has started on this)
4. Book Cliffs - Grand Junction Dist
5. Pryor Mtns - Billings Dist.
6. Annual and ephemeral ranges New Mexico, Nevada
Arizona and California.
7. East Fork, Salmon River, Salmon District, Idaho
(Bighorns, anadromous fish, deer, wild horses, elk,
sage grouse, antelope, National Recreation Area, high
scenic and aesthetic values, entrenched thinking,
existence ranchers.)

Field Assignments for Horway

Areas to be monitored on continuing basis

1. Indian Lake Allotment, Boise District, Idaho
Livestock winter range, now cheatgrass & medusa head
need to re-establish perennials & browse plants to
provide higher nutritional feed. Has been an
ongoing project for about 6 yrs.
2. Pleasant View Allotment - Malad Area, Burley Dist, Idaho
82 users; 71,000 acres; 4,800' to 7,140' ELEV.; was
slated for 57% reduction. RR plan initiated
1966
3. Boise Front, Boise District
Joint plan between BLM, USFS, Idaho F&G,
State of Idaho Dept. of Lands & priv. landowners.
Critical watershed & mule deer winter range.
4. Morgan Creek - Salmon Dist, Idaho
Controversial bighorn sheep, deer, cattle & elk
range. Joint plan BLM, Challis Natl Forest &
Salmon Natl. Forest.

There are additional grazing plans in other states that Norway should continue to monitor. These can be regarded as demonstration areas; many have high multiple use values & are excellent areas to demonstrate the validity of R. R. Grazing.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
ROUTING AND TRANSMITTAL SLIP

TO			ACTION	ROOM NO.
CODE	NAME	ORGANIZATION		
	August L. (Gus) Hornum			
	Berkeley, Calif			

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From	<i>Ray Cleary</i>	Date	<i>1/4</i>	Room No.	
Office	BLM BILLINGS DISTRICT			Phone	

Remarks

Gus -
I got Moose to talk personally
with Garth Rudd about this.
For the record they are
apparently playing the
training low key as you see.
Happy New Year. JF
P.S. We also need your help on
subalpine grazing allotment adjacent to Horse Key.



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

STATE OFFICE
316 NORTH 26TH STREET
BILLINGS, MONTANA 59101

Billings
IN REPLY REFER TO

930: 1400-410

RECEIVED
JAN 3 1974
BILLINGS Dist.

Memorandum

To: Director - DSC (D-100)

From: State Director - Montana

Subject: Request for Gus Hormay Rest-Rotation Assistance

The Billings District would like to request the services of Gus Hormay in June or July 1974, to assist in establishing a possible rest-rotation grazing system on the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range. This will also involve the Forest Service. The area includes from desert type to sub-alpine range. This will require from two to three days and in order to get the most efficient use of Mr. Hormay's time, he could possibly conduct a short training session for some of the Montana district personnel while in Billings.

Harold C. Lynch
ACING

cc:
✓ DM, Billings

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P.O. Box 245
Berkeley, Ca. 94701

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January 3, 1974

Memorandum

To: Assistant Director, Administration

From: August L. Hornay, Range Conservationist, Berkeley

Subject: Reassignment

Copy attached

I received your memorandum of December 27, 1973 on reassignment yesterday but the form I was to complete was not enclosed. I telephoned your office about this today and left the information with your secretary.

I will await the form before communicating further.

January 11, 1974

I have not received the form mentioned above. However, I accept the reassignment offered.

August L. Hornay

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : David Little Seeding File

DATE: January 7, 1974

FROM : Andy Truden

SUBJECT: Seeding Experimental Plots

The north portion of plot # 2 (400' x 1000') located in sec. 10, T5N, R2W was seeded on January 4, 1974. Seed of the following species were planted in an equal mixture at a rate of 12# per acre:

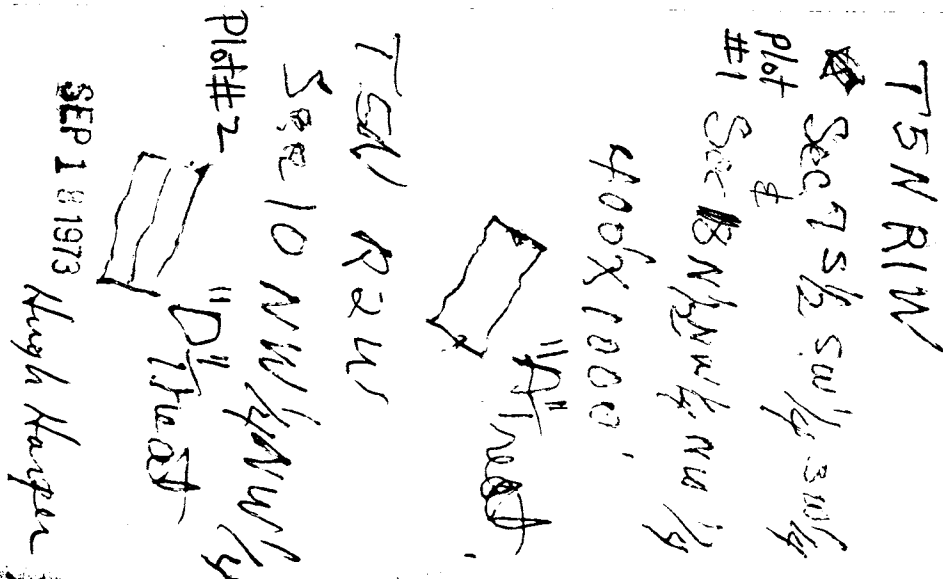
- Whitman Wheatgrass
- Western Wheatgrass
- Intermediate Wheatgrass
- Pubescent Wheatgrass

A strip 20 feet wide on the north portion of the plot was seeded with untreated bitterbrush seed.

Seeding conditions were less than ideal. The area had ½" to 1" of frozen snow cover over a portion of the plot. The South and West facing slopes were bare with frozen soil. Temperatures have varied from 0° to 20° daily for the past week.

There was no indication of livestock in the pasture at the time of seeding.

Andy B. Truden



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Hugh Harper, DSC

DATE: January 11, 1974

FROM : Malcolm Schnitker

SUBJECT: Indian Jake Experimental Seeding

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

I have attached your slides of the Indian Jake Seedings. I had copies made for our files.

The grass mixture and one strip of bitterbrush was broadcast on the #1 experimental plot on January 4, 1974. The seed was broadcast onto $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 inch of snow. The day time temperature here in Boise has not exceeded 15° since, although near normal temperatures are expected by the middle of next week. Jim Little told me that the cattle would go into the pasture this week.

*Temp. went
to 69° &
lots of rain.*

I will be sending 15# of Bitterbrush seed to Gus Hormay for treatment within the next week or two, for seeding on Plot #2 in June. I will keep you advised as to our progress.

hml

Enclosures - 2
Encl. -1 - memo to files
Encl. -2 - slides

*Gus says: Send bb - seed requires 6 wks for treatment
1" deep for all seeds - particularly b b
Plant as early as you can get on the
area - in March if weather breaks
right.*



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Field & Stream

719 8th Avenue South
Nampa, Idaho 83651

1-11-74

from: *Ted Trueblood*

Dear Gus:

Quite a bit of mail as the result of the January piece. I thought the enclosed might interest you.

My note was to Jack Samson, editor.

I was terribly disappointed that they couldn't use more pictures. Should have had one of you, at least!

Have a good 1974,



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From DAVE BABB	Date 1/11/74	Room No.
Office BAKERSFIELD D. O.	Phone 309- 323-7271	

Remarks

This is a copy of a paper I will present (with slides too) at the Range Society meeting at Tucson Feb 7. I would appreciate your comments and/or criticism prior to the meeting. Thanks a lot.

Dave Babb

Mr. Hormay

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FOREST SERVICE

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BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA 94701

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January 16, 1974

Mr. Curtis J. Berklund, Director
Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20250



Your ref.: 1400-410 (330)

Dear Mr. Berklund:

I have had no reply to Mr. Camp's letter of September 10, 1973 concerning your plans for Gus Hormay.

We have made interim arrangements for providing Mr. Hormay with secretarial services and office space. However, I am sure that he would agree with me in saying that the administrative services provided him are not entirely ideal. They are, however, the best we can provide considering our current financial situation.

I am enclosing a copy of our previous correspondence and hope that you can give us an early reply.

Sincerely,

Paul C. Guilkey

PAUL C. GUILKEY
Acting Director

Enclosure

cc: Hubbard
/ Hormay
Lynchs
W.O. Div. of Forest Environment

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P. O. Box 245
Berkeley, CA 94701
January 17, 1974

Mr. David Babb
Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Federal Bldg., Room 311
800 Truxton Avenue
Bakersfield, California 93301

Subject: Management Wells Meadow Allotment

Dear Dave:

I'm sure your audience and readers will be greatly interested in what you have to say about rest-rotation grazing on the Wells Meadow Allotment, particularly about results obtained with it. I think you should bring out management results more strongly than you have and minimize or do without explanation of methods, studies, plots, etc. The latter detracts from the main point of the paper. Details on methodology leave the impression that Wells Meadow is a study area or a special situation where the Bureau is experimenting with rest-rotation grazing. This is not the case. Rest-rotation is a proven practice, and the Wells Allotment is yet another allotment on which it is being applied.

So I would delete any material that smacks of experimentation or suggests the Bureau is not sure what it is doing. This would shorten the paper, which is desirable, and would permit putting greater emphasis on management results. In the enclosed copy of your paper I have underlined or otherwise identified material that I think should be omitted.

I would change the title to read something like "Results with rest-rotation grazing on a deer winter range in California." In line with this I would organize the paper as indicated in the attached outline. I appreciate I am suggesting drastic changes in the last minute so-to-speak, and you may not have time to consider and act on them--or you may not agree with my suggestions. In any event strengthen the section on management results. This is the heart of the paper. Most of the rest of the paper simply sets the stage for these results. Remember the reader will not have the benefit of your slides.

I will send you some kodachromes I have taken at Wells Meadow. You may be able to use some of them in your presentation. I will send them early next week, the 21st or 22nd. Please return them as soon as you are finished with them. Good luck at the meeting.

Sincerely,

A. L. HORMAY
Range Conservationist

Enclosure

L. A. Howard

January 20, 1974
407 West Gaywood
Houston, Texas 77024

Mr. H. W. Camp, Director
Pacific Southwest Forest and Range
Experimental Station

P. O. Box 245
Berkeley, California 94701

Dear Sir:

I read in an article on range management
in Field and Stream magazine that a booklet
was available at the Forest Service Office.

It is called Rest-Rotation Grazing and Multiple-
User^{Land} Management by August L. Howard.

The Forest Service Office at Lufkin, Texas
referred my inquiry to your office. I am
very interested in receiving the aforementioned
booklet. If it is available, please send me
information as to the cost involved.

Sincerely,
Marion P. Lindsey, Jr.

JAN 22 1974

Memorandum

To: Director, Denver Service Center
From: Assistant Director, Administration
Subject: Reassignment

August L. Hormay has accepted reassignment from his position of Range Conservationist, GS-454-14, Division of Range, Office of the Assistant Director-Resources, Washington Office, to the Division of Standards and Technology, Denver Service Center, same position and grade. Duty Station will remain Berkeley, California. Effective date of reassignment is February 3, 1974. Authorized ceiling for the Denver Service Center will be increased from 410 to 411 for this position.

Attached are copies of the memorandum to Mr. Hormay offering reassignment, and his response, accepting the position.

/s/ Ed Haste

Enclosures

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Range (330)
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