

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
Challis National Forest
Challis, Idaho 83226

Herd Crk Allot

2200

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February 3, 1975



Harry Finlayson
District Manager
Bureau of Land Management
Salmon, ID 83467

Dear Harry:

As you are well aware, the Herd Creek Allotment Management Plan is being prepared and is now in the final stages. The allotment includes National Forest, BLM and State of Idaho land.

Because of its complexity, I would like to have a meeting with the agencies and permittees involved to tie down any loose ends and to discuss the implementation of the Plan. Therefore, we have scheduled a meeting at 10:00 a.m. on February 26 at the Supervisor's Office in Challis, and request that someone from your department attend. If that date is not agreeable, please advise me and we will try another date.

I am enclosing a copy of the Plan. Please review it and bring it to the meeting with you. Feel free to make whatever comments you wish about the Plan as we still have an opportunity to make any appropriate changes in it.

Sincerely,

Richard O. Benjamin
for RICHARD O. BENJAMIN
Forest Supervisor

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Memorandum

To : Gus Hormay, Range Conservationist, BLM
From : Chief, Division of Resources, Idaho
Subject: Management Facilities - Herd Creek AMP

Enclosed is a map showing proposed management facilities and land treatment projects proposed for the Herd Creek Allotment. The calendar year in which the project is to be constructed is shown on the map near the project.

Hope this gives you the information you need. We discussed the district's working relationship with the Forest Service with District Manager Finlayson. He indicated they still have a good working relationship with Dan Pence.

Enclosure
map



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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Billings District Office
P. O. Box 2020
Billings, Montana 59103

February 13, 1975

Mr. A. L. (Gus) Hormay, Range Conservationist
Bureau of Land Management
Pacific Southwest Forest and Range Exp. Station
1960 Addison St., Box 245
Berkeley, CA 94701

Dear Gus,

Enclosed is the approved cooperative agreement for development of the Mystic-Pryor Spur Demonstration Area.

Bud Brown, Billings District, and Gary Wetzsteon, Forest Service, will be getting together sometime the week of February 24 to develop a schedule for working on the Demonstration Area draft.

I understand that you will be setting up the form and guide for preparation of the plan. Our tentative schedule calls for completion of the first draft by May 31 if possible. Since your participation is essential, how and when can we get you involved in this effort.

Sincerely,

John F. Bowers
Acting District Manager

Enclosure

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

BLM Billings Dist.

BETWEEN

UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AND

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

I. PURPOSE

To provide procedures for planning, implementing, administering, and evaluating a Rest-Rotation, Multiple-Use Land Management Demonstration Area which includes both national resource lands and national forest lands. The Demonstration Area will be used to demonstrate how all renewable resources can benefit from rest rotation grazing management and how needed range improvements necessary for implementation can be located, designed and constructed with an absolute minimum of disruption to the environment.

The area involved will be the Mystic-Pryor Spur Allotment. The name is derived from a combination of the BLM Mystic Allotment and the FS Pryor Spur Allotment.

II. AUTHORITY

- A. Memorandum of Understanding dated November 8, 1966, between the United States Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management (FSM 2251.44) concerning interagency cooperation on matters related to range management.
- B. Pryor Mountain Complex Land Use Decisions dated May 23, 1974.

Related to the latter authority, the development of the Demonstration Area Plan may surface possibilities for modification to the land use decisions. Should modifications be deemed necessary, they will be reviewed by both agencies with due recognition to the broad citizen involvement that went into the decisions. Changes should not be taken lightly; yet they may be in order should new information surface that had not been duly considered in the decision-making process.

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. U.S. Forest Service means Forest Supervisor, Custer N.F., Billings, Montana.
 - 1. Field Contact - District Ranger, Beartooth District, Red Lodge, Montana.
- B. Bureau of Land Management means District Manager, Billings District, Billings, Montana.
 - 1. Field Contact - Area Manager, Apsuroka Resource Area, Billings, Montana.

IV. PROCEDURE

It is mutually agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

- A. To establish the Demonstration Area to supply information needed about livestock grazing and its ecological relationships to all renewable resources on subalpine ranges. In addition, particular emphasis will be given to planning and constructing facilities needed for implementation which give full consideration to the environment.
- B. To obtain this information, a joint management plan for the Mystic and Pryor Spur Allotments will be developed and necessary range improvement facilities constructed. Livestock will be managed under a grazing system utilizing the principles of rest rotation management. The duration of this study will be for two complete cycles of the grazing system. This can be from 6 to 8 years depending upon the grazing formula applied.
- C. This agreement recognizes the need for continuing with public involvement in the planning and evaluation process for this allotment. Special emphasis will be given to involving those individuals and organizations who participated in the initial Gus Hormay Demonstration Area training program for the Mystic-Pryor Spur Allotment in October, 1974.
- D. Close coordination will be maintained with Gus Hormay in development, review, and evaluation of the Demonstration Area.
- E. The Forest Service will make the Pryor Spur Allotment available for use by the domestic livestock, in the numbers and season, presently authorized by the Bureau of Land Management on the Mystic Allotment. The Forest Service agrees to allow this use on the Pryor Spur Allotment for two complete grazing cycles, or longer if the duration of this study is extended. If and when it is determined that there is grazing capacity available for allocation, it must be allotted in accordance with the procedures outlined in FSM 2232.4.
- F. The Bureau of Land Management will assume the lead responsibility for all the grazing administration within the study area. This includes but is not limited to authorizing the grazing use and the billing and collection of grazing fees.
- G. Studies for monitoring the effects of the grazing system and the ecological relationships will be conducted jointly by both agencies and data evaluated at least annually.

The type of studies necessary will be determined in the management plan.

- H. Supervision of the grazing use within the Mystic-Pryor Spur area will be conducted jointly by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service. It will include periodic allotment inspection to insure compliance with the grazing treatment formula.
- I. The BIM will assume lead responsibility for planning all necessary range improvements for the demonstration area. However, any development proposed on the National Forests will be approved by the Forest Service prior to construction. The Forest Service will finance all improvements on forest lands. BIM will finance all range improvements on national resource lands. Target dates for construction of all necessary projects to implement the plan will be FY 1977. All projects will be dependent upon the availability of funds and manpower.
- J. Special effort will be made to keep this demonstration area highly "visible" to the public. One means will be to construct and install joint agency signs which explain the program to visitors.

V. REVIEW, MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION

During the first two grazing cycles, this agreement will be jointly reviewed at any time at the request of either agency. At the end of the first two grazing cycles, the two agencies will jointly review the agreement and determine if it will continue, with or without modification, or be terminated.

C. Rex Cleary DATE 12/13/74
Billings District Manager
Bureau of Land Management

Robert W. Miller DATE 1/31/75
Forest Supervisor
Custer National Forest

For



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February 20, 1975

Memorandum

To : Gus Hormay
From : Chief, Division of Resources, ISO
Subject: Herd Creek AMP

Attached is a copy of the subject AMP as developed by the Forest Service.

As you can see by the attached memo, they have a meeting scheduled for February 26 to discuss implementation of the plan.

If you have any suggestions for improvement of the plan, please call Harry or Dan before that date. In reading the plan it appears that there is a need to improve communication between the district and Forest Service.

Steve Colton

Attachment

College of Forestry and Natural Resources
Department of Earth Resources



Prof. Professor J. A. Haysard
Dept of Earth Science.

Colorado State University
Fort Collins, Colorado
80523

27th February 1975

Mr A. L. Horner
U. S. Dept of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Berkeley

Dear Mr Horner,

Thank you for your letter of 29th
January, and for your willingness to meet
me when I visit California.

I would like to visit with you
on Wednesday 12th March, and if this
is convenient, I will contact you a
day or two before to establish a suitable
time.

I look forward to meeting you

Yours sincerely
Graham Hughes

TG 721, New Zealand.



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

February 24, 1975

Memorandum

To: Rex Cleary, District Manager

From: August L. Hormay

Subject: Management Plans. Demonstration Areas

Thanks for the copy of the cooperative agreement between the Forest Service and the Bureau for the Mystic-Pryor Spur demonstration area. I am working on a format for preparation of rest-rotation multiple use land management plans at the present time and hope to get a workable first draft copy to 1/ all offices actively participating in the program by sometime in March. 1/ With this guide I believe a plan for consideration by the planning committee can be completed within a month.

It is not too early to start lining up the members of the planning committee on paper. I would like to see a list of your nominations before formal invitations are extended for participation.

I would like to send a copy of a cooperative agreement between agencies to other states presently participating in the demonstration area program for their information. The Mystic-Pryor Spur area agreement will satisfy with some changes.

I have incorporated my ideas of changes in the enclosed revision. The most important change is in the wording of purpose. The Mystic-Pryor Spur area is being used to demonstrate rest-rotation multiple use land management not "how all renewable resources can benefit from rest rotation grazing management." The program is a land management program not a range or other function management program. I have substituted the word land for range where land is the appropriate word. I have deleted some material I feel can be more appropriately covered in the management plan.

Please study the agreement further and send me still another version with your final ideas as soon as you can. I will send a copy of it, without change, to the other states unless you feel I should not.

I notice the target date for construction of improvements was FY 1977. Strive to get at least one pasture fenced in FY 1976 so management can be started as quickly as possible.

1/ Please see my memorandum of November 27, 1974, to state directors on status of rest-rotation multiple-use land management demonstration area program and preparation of management plans.

A. L. Hormay

Enclosure

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AND

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

I. Purpose

The Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management will jointly plan, implement and demonstrate rest-rotation multiple-use land management on the Mystic-Pryor Spur area.

II. Authority for Agreement

- A. Memorandum of Understanding November 8, 1966, between the United States Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, (FSM 2251.44) concerning interagency cooperation on matters related to (range) land management.
- B. Pryor Mountain Complex Land Use Decision May 23, 1974.

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Red Lodge, Montana.

- B. Bureau of Land Management means District Manager, Billings District, Billings, Montana.

Field Contact - Area Manager, Apsuroka Resource Area,
Billings, Montana.

- C. Mystic-Pryor Spur area. This area is being formed into a land management unit by combining the Mystic cattle allotment on the Apsuroka Resource Area, Billings District, Bureau of Land Management with the Pryor Spur allotment on the Beartooth Ranger District, Custer

N.F., U.S. Forest Service.

D. Management area means the Mystic-Pryor Spur area.

IV. Agreements

- A. The Forest Service will make the Pryor Spur Allotment available for use by domestic livestock, in the numbers and season, presently authorized by the Bureau of Land Management on the Mystic Allotment. The Forest Service agrees to allow this use on the Pryor Spur Allotment for two complete grazing cycles, or longer if necessary. When grazing capacity becomes available for allocation, it will be allotted in accordance with procedures outlined in FSM 2232.4.
- B. The Bureau of Land Management will assume the lead responsibility for all grazing administration within the management area. This includes but is not limited to authorizing grazing use and billing and collection of grazing fees.
- C. Supervision of grazing use within the management area will be conducted jointly by the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service.
- D. The Bureau of Land Management will assume lead responsibility for planning all necessary improvements on the demonstration area. Developments proposed on the National Forest will be approved by the Forest Service prior to construction. The Forest Service will finance all improvements on forest lands. Bureau of Land Management will finance all improvements on national resource lands.
- E. This agreement will be reviewed jointly at any time at the request of either agency. The two agencies will jointly review the agreement and determine if it should be modified, and whether it should be continued or terminated.
- F. Procedures for monitoring the effects of management will be conducted

jointly by the agencies.

- G. This demonstration area program will be carried out under the guidance and supervision of August L. Hormay, Bureau of Land Management, Denver Service Center, headquarters Berkeley, California.

SIGNED:

cc: ✓ State Director, Boise, Idaho

*Forwarded
24 Feb 75*

✓ Harry Finlayson, District Manager,
Salmon, Idaho



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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Billings District Office
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Billings, Montana 59103

February 28, 1975

Mr. A. L. Hormay
USDI - BLM
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Dear Gus:

Your comments and recommendations for a revision of the Mystic-Pryor Spur Cooperative Agreement are excellent. We like the language, but regret that we didn't have the benefit of your thinking while negotiating with the Forest Service. As it turned out, a lot of time and controversial negotiation was required to get this agreement. We would prefer to let it stand if you think our present agreement will suffice.

We have no objection to your sending out your draft agreement to other offices as an unsigned prototype.

Our original planning group numbered 45 and included personnel from the Forest Service, National Park Service, Montana Fish and Game Department, Sierra Club, Montana State University, Montana Wilderness Society, Range users and Beartooth Conservation District. Before nominating members of a planning committee, I would like your thoughts on their roles and how large the group should be. We like the idea, but don't have any understanding of your thoughts on details.

The target date of FY 77 for construction was in keeping with the reality of the situation. The controversial issues and lack of early planning prevented us from earlier scheduling. As it is, we will feel a major sense of accomplishment just to get the plan agreed to in FY 76.

It's sure good to have your detailed help and guidance Gus.

Sincerely,



C. Rex Cleary
District Manager