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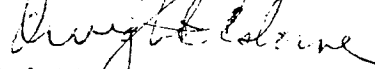
Gentlemen:

The Macon Flat Cattle Association would like to make you aware that we are in protest of a Bureau of Land Management proposed Allotment Management Plan on Macon Flat. The enclosed is a brief synopsis of the problem.

Although not complete in every detail, it will give you an understanding of the situation. We would appreciate you taking a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the situation of the Macon Flat livestock permittees.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Dwight Osborne, Chairman
Macon Flat Cattle Association

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Enclosure

cc: Cecil D. Andrus, Secretary of Interior
Mr. Chas. Hasizer, B.L.M.
Mr. Wm. Mathews, State Director, B.L.M.
Senator Frank Church
Senator James A. McClure
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Gentlemen:

The Macon Flat Cattle Association wishes to call your attention to the serious consequences of a proposed Bureau of Land Management allotment management plan. The Macon Flat Cattle Association is comprised of permittees who graze cattle on public land in southeastern Camas County, Idaho. This public land, known as Macon Flat, is administered by the Bureau of Land Management district office in Shoshone.

The Macon Flat allotment is approximately 13 miles long, 6 miles wide and consists of 47,997 acres. Presently the allotment has 9 sheep operators licensed to graze 2,148 animal unit months (Aum) in the spring, and 609 Aum's in the fall. The sheep permittees share the views of the cattle association concerning the allotment management plan.

The 12 members of the cattle association are licensed to graze 6,391 Aum's from May 1 to June 15.

On June 9, 1977 the Bureau of Land Management personnel presented a proposed management plan to the permittees. This plan reduced livestock numbers to only 30% of the present numbers. Compounded with this reduction, the season of use was extended from 1½ months to 4 months for cattle operators and to 2½ months for sheep operators. Both of these factors together leave permittees only 11% of their present numbers on the range at any given time; or a 89% reduction.

To review the history of Macon Flat; in the 1930's the season of use was April 15 to June 15. In about 1946 or 48 the season of use was changed to May 1 to June 15. In about 1946 Mr. Jack Keith, then B.L.M. District Manager of the Shoshone District publicly stated that Macon Flat was to be spring range with very limited fall use for a short time by sheep. Since that statement, many Macon Flat permits have been purchased by ranchers who needed spring grazing.

Prior to 1971, livestock grazed the entire allotment each year with approximately 20 to 30% of the allotted Aum's carried as non-use. In 1965 the allotment was adjudicated and the B.L.M. range managers found the allotment to be 10% over allocated. They agreed to forestall the 10% reduction in lieu of the non-use being carried and some range improvement to be put in effect. In 1974 Congress appropriated some \$960,000 to be used at the rate of \$320,00 annually for range improvements in the Bennett Hills area of the Shoshone District. None of this money was used to improve Macon Flat.

In 1965 the B.L.M. and allotment permittees signed an agreement to spray 3000 acres of sagebrush and 1500 acres each year thereafter until most of

the allotment was sprayed. The users share of the cost was 25%. The B.L.M. sprayed 3000 acres in 1966 but has refused to spray since. The livestock users also agreed to and did develop 14 water holes at their expense when agreed upon in 1965.

In 1970 the permittees signed an allotment management plan. This plan included approximately 12 miles of fence to divide the allotment into 3 pastures for rest-rotation purposes. The B.L.M. supplied materials with cost of construction at the permittees expense which amounted to about \$5,400. According to the plan, the B.L.M. was to reduce the density of big sagebrush to 15% on 15,000 acres either by spraying or chaining. There was also a verbal commitment by B.L.M. range managers to artificially seed after raiing and chaining. To date, the B.L.M. has done nothing to fulfill the range improvement part of the plan.

The B.L.M. have made permittees aware that they wanted a new plan for almost a year now. On September 21, 1976 B.L.M. personnel presented a draft proposal which the users determined was totally unacceptable. On March 21, 1977 permittees met with the B.L.M. and presented a proposal they felt would be acceptable to both sheep and cattle users, and would still accomplish management goals. Permittees also stressed the need to retain the season of use of May 1 to June 15. Except for an "interim period" in the plan, the permittees input seems to be ignored. The "iterim period" resembles the plan proposed by the permittees except for a longer season of use and an excessive reduction in numbers of 82%.

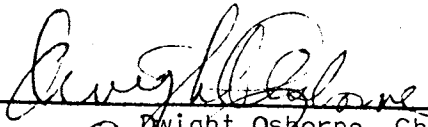
After careful review of the June 9, 1977 proposal the permittees find flaws and inconsistencies, and ask your review of the following.

1. Change to a longer season of use: All Macon Flat permittees have adequate summer grazing either on Forest Service lands or private pasture. Macon Flat does not have adequate livestock water for summer grazing. The need for Macon is spring use only.
2. The reduction in numbers not apportionate: One cattle permittee is reduced by 56%, the rest by 70%. Sheep permittees retain 30% of their use which can be used in the spring as in the past. The remaining 30% of cattle use is spread over 4 months instead of 1½ months. For example: A cattle operator who presently owns 100 head will be able to run only 11 head or an 89% reduction in numbers. Sheep operators could run the same numbers as present but stay a shorter time.
3. Range survey: The permittees maintain the 1976-77 range survey was not made by the generally approved method. In addition, the survey was made in the worse drought year in history. B.L.M.

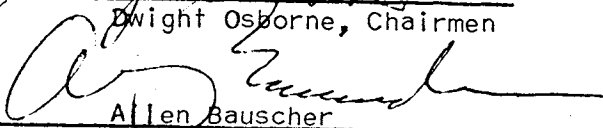
personnel admit no adjustment was made to reflect the drought condition. The permittees feel the 1965 survey was complete, made by approved methods with trained B.L.M. personnel. To further the doubt of the range survey, on June 9, 1977 the B.L.M. range manager granted a 1 week extension on pasture which had 800 head of cattle in it from May 1 to June 15, or now till June 22. This is much more than the 422 head the B.L.M. proposes for the entire allotment. How can B.L.M. justify a 1 week extension for 800 cattle in 1/3 of the area when their range survey shows there is only enough feed for 422 head on the entire allotment? Again - this is the worse drought year on record in Camas County! B.L.M. personnel estimated 500 Aum's of unused feed in the area to justify the 1 week extension.

4. Range improvement: The proposed allotment plan makes no provision for range improvement. Livestock users are willing to cooperate in any range improvement program. Adjoining private land to the east, west, and north has been improved and far exceeds Macon Flat in carrying capacity.
5. User input: With exception of the opening date, and some resemblance in the "interim period" of the plan, user input is ignored. Part of the principles of Gus Hormay's rotation grazing are the needs of livestock. These were ignored. The allotment plan adopted in 1970 was not given a fair trial as this year is the completion of the first cycle.
The Idaho State Land Department had no input on their lands within the Macon allotment.
6. Economic loss to area: Briefly, using an average cost of \$30 per Aum for grazing privileges, the loss of 6963 Aum's represents \$208,890. Livestock operators would have to reduce herd numbers and the Association could no longer afford riders to herd cattle and mend fences.
7. Interim system: This portion of the plan recommends an 82% reduction in numbers. Other objections also apply to this portion of the plan.
8. Synopsis: Probably around 10 of the 12 cattle operators could not afford to turn cattle out on Macon Flat due to the inefficiencies of small numbers. Some may be forced out of business entirely. Several sheep operators would be reduced so severely they could not even trail sheep across the allotment.
9. Recommendation by permittees: The B.L.M. should look at the past history of the allotment and endeavor to work with users to adjust the carrying capacity and season of use whereby it will be usable

by permittees. B.L.M. should work with permittees on extensive range improvements which would restore any adjustments in numbers as forage increases.



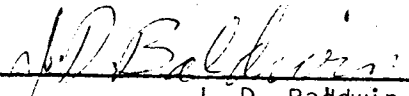
Dwight Osborne, Chairman



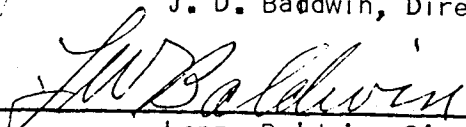
Allen Bauscher



Mark Hansen, Director



J. D. Baldwin, Director



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Part A.—IDENTIFYING DATA

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| 1. NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL) AUGUST L HORMAY 4. ADDRESS 101 ADADIA ST SAN FRANCISCO CA 94131 5. SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NUMBER 560-64-0772 6. BATCH: 175111 | 2. DATE OF BIRTH 5-10-07 | 3. CARRIER CONTROL NO. 3473705 |
| | 5. PAYROLL OFFICE NO. 24 00 0002 | 6. ENROLLMENT CODE NO. 201 |
| | 7. SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NUMBER 560-64-0772 | 8. DATE THIS ACTION BECOMES EFFECTIVE 6-1-77 |

ONLY THE ITEM WHICH IS CHECKED BELOW AFFECTS YOUR ENROLLMENT. READ THAT ITEM CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW ANY PERTINENT INSTRUCTIONS. KEEP THIS FORM UNLESS YOUR ENROLLMENT IS TERMINATED AND YOU APPLY FOR CONVERSION.

Part B.—TERMINATION

YOUR ENROLLMENT TERMINATES ON THE DATE IN PART A, ITEM 8, ABOVE.
 IMPORTANT NOTICE. - You have the right to convert to an individual contract with the carrier of your plan. See Part B.—Termination on the back of this form for information about your extension of coverage and conversion. If you want to convert, fill in the box on the back of this form and send it to your plan within the time limit specified.

Part C.—CHANGE IN PLAN

YOUR ENROLLMENT SHOWN IN PART A, ITEM 6, ABOVE HAS BEEN TERMINATED BECAUSE OF YOUR ENROLLMENT IN ANOTHER PLAN.

Part D.—TRANSFER OUT

YOUR ENROLLMENT CONTINUES BUT IS TRANSFERRED TO YOUR NEW PAYROLL OFFICE (OR RETIREMENT SYSTEM):

(SEE PART D ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM FOR MORE INFORMATION)

Part E.—TRANSFER IN

YOUR NEW PAYROLL OFFICE (OR RETIREMENT SYSTEM) SHOWN IN PART J BELOW HAS ACCEPTED TRANSFER OF YOUR ENROLLMENT AND WILL CONTINUE IT.

Part F.—REINSTATEMENT

YOUR ENROLLMENT HAS BEEN REINSTATED, EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE IN PART A, ITEM 8, ABOVE.

Part G.—CHANGE IN NAME OF ENROLLEE

THE NAME IN WHICH THIS ENROLLMENT IS CARRIED HAS BEEN CHANGED TO:

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Part H.—CHANGE IN ENROLLMENT—SURVIVOR ANNUITANT

YOUR ENROLLMENT HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM FAMILY COVERAGE TO SELF ONLY. YOUR PLAN WILL SEND YOU A NEW IDENTIFICATION CARD.

YOUR NEW ENROLLMENT CODE NUMBER

(NOTE: THIS ITEM TO BE COMPLETED BY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS ONLY)

Part I.—REMARKS

Part J.—DATE OF NOTICE

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| NAME OF AGENCY AND ADDRESS, INCLUDING ZIP CODE U.S. Civil Service Commission, Bureau of Retirement, Insurance, and Occupational Health, Wash., D.C. 20415 | |
| SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED AGENCY OFFICIAL <i>A. Matthews</i> | DATE 7-7-77 |

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
BUREAU OF RETIREMENT, INSURANCE, AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20415

7/08/77
IMPORTANT INFORMATION
ABOUT
SPECIAL PAYMENT STATUS

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BECAUSE OF HEAVY RETIREMENT WORK LOADS, WE ARE PLACING YOU IN A SPECIAL PAYMENT STATUS WHILE WE PROCESS YOUR APPLICATION FOR RETIREMENT. A TREASURY CHECK FOR THE AMOUNT IN THE FIRST SPECIAL PAYMENT BLOCK WILL BE MAILED WITHIN A WEEK TO COVER THE PERIOD OF TIME SINCE YOUR RETIREMENT. A CHECK FOR THE AMOUNT SHOWN IN THE CONTINUING MONTHLY SPECIAL PAYMENT BLOCK BELOW WILL BE MAILED TO YOU ON THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY OF EACH MONTH UNTIL WORK ON YOUR APPLICATION IS COMPLETED.

| COMMENCING DATE OF SPECIAL PAYMENT | FIRST SPECIAL PAYMENT | CONTINUING MONTHLY SPECIAL PAYMENT |
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| 6/01/77 | \$ 1946.00 | \$ 1946.00 |

SPECIAL PAYMENTS ARE NOT AN EXACT COMPUTATION OF YOUR MONTHLY ANNUITY. THEY ARE, HOWEVER, A MEANS OF ASSURING THAT YOU HAVE MONEY TO WHICH YOU ARE ENTITLED WHILE WE COMPLETE NECESSARY WORK ON YOUR APPLICATION. AS SOON AS YOUR APPLICATION IS COMPLETELY PROCESSED, WE WILL SEND YOU A CIVIL SERVICE ANNUITY STATEMENT AND ATTACHMENTS. ON YOUR ANNUITY STATEMENT, THE EXPLANATION OF YOUR INITIAL REGULAR ANNUITY PAYMENT WILL SHOW A ONE-TIME DEDUCTION FOR THE TOTAL SPECIAL PAYMENTS MADE TO YOU.

Baker New
July 9 1977

Mr Gus Horman
101 Acadia St
San Francisco Cal.

Dear Mr Horman We will be
happy to have you here the
eve of July 18 and day of July 19.
I just will hardly get no time
to go over the attachments. but
we will do what we can.

Best Regards
Fred Baker