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Gus Hormay
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RE: Tuledad-Home Camp

Dear Gus:

I only wish you could have been with us on the range tour at Tuledad Homecamp. To me this would have set the record straight as to the practical approach you advocate for restoration of the range in that area.

I have taken the liberty to share your comments with some key leaders whom I feel will have the guts to follow-up.

Some of our own folks have advocated against this system which has given folks like Johanna Wald of NRDC the opportunity to say, "See, even this system does not work and that is why we are compelled by the suit to reduce livestock numbers (NRDC vs. Andrus)."

Incidentally, she and I had another go around last week before the Director. Using your technique, I was able to convince the Director that in offering alternatives, that optimum grazing was as an appropriate alternative as no grazing. He has assured me this then also will be a mandatory option to be considered by area managers and directors in developing EIS's.

Gus, the Public Lands Council is holding a one day workshop on range management systems in conjunction with their annual meeting (September 24-25). Naturally, we would want you be the lead in the program. Would you accept the invitation and secondly, what will be your fee?

Let me know at your earliest convenience as your contribution would really enhance the stature of our workshop and provide practical and workable solutions to complex problems.

See you have the conviction and knowledge - I have the conviction and faith that we can turn this situation around!

How's that for a positive note?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ram". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial 'R' and a cursive 'm'.

Ronald A. Michieli
Director, Gov't. Affairs For
Land & Nat'l. Resources

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