

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

### AUGUST L. HORMAY

AUGUST L. "GUS" HORMAY has pursued a public service career with the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of Interior, totaling more than 50 years. His work has centered on developing and promoting land-management practices that will produce the highest yield and quality of renewable resources without impairing land productivity or degrading the environment.

Gus Hormay was born in San Francisco, California, on May 10, 1907. He was graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1930, with a bachelor's degree in forestry, and completed a year of post-graduate studies in basic physical and biological sciences to better prepare himself for work in the broader field of land management.

He joined the Forest Service in 1931, and spent the next 36 years in research on range ecology and management with the California (now Pacific Southwest) Forest and Range Experiment Station, headquartered at Berkeley. In 1966, he transferred to the Bureau of Land Management as a range management advisor.

While with the Forest Service he developed the concept of rest-rotation grazing--a type of grazing that is designed to promote and maintain the growth of vegetation under livestock use. He crystalized his ideas in 1948 and immediately pressed for practical tests of the effectiveness of this type of grazing. The first test was made on the Harvey Valley cattle allotment on the Lassen National Forest in California in 1952. The concept proved sound and practical and is being applied on ranges throughout the west at an accelerating rate.

Gus has been recognized nationally for his work. In 1957 he received a Superior Service Award from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and in 1971, a Distinguished Service Award from the U.S. Department of Interior. The citation for the 1971 Award (copy attached) reads in part: "Due to his exceptional skills and ability 'Gus' Hormay is eminently successful as a researcher and advisor . . . Most outstanding has been his development of a scientific system of rest-rotation grazing management . . . His rest-rotation principles will have a direct and important bearing on the quality of our environment . . . No other man has currently contributed as much to promoting proper use and management of the total natural rangeland environment, both public and private . . . Mr. Hormay has motivated technicians, stockmen and conservationists alike to utilize expertise in designing management practices."

In 1972 he received an Outstanding Achievement and Service Award from the Society for Range Management for "his research accomplishments and for his practical and effective on-the-ground training of land managers in the principles of grazing management . . . and rational uses of the country's natural resources."

Gus holds membership in a number of professional and other organizations devoted to natural resources including American Association for Advancement

of Science, American Institute of Biological Sciences, California Academy of Sciences, California Botanical Society, Cousteau Society, Ecological Society of America, Friends of the Earth, National Audubon Society, National Wildlife Federation, Sierra Club, Society for Range Management, Society of American Foresters and Wilderness Society.

Gus was retired from regular government service in 1977 because of age, but he has continued to carry on with his work since that time. He is back with the Forest Service in Berkeley as a volunteer, completing studies he set aside because of the press of other work while he was still in service. As a consultant he is continuing to advise interested parties on sound grazing and land management practices. When asked when he is really going to retire he replies -- "When I expire."

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AUGUST L. HORMAY

for an eminent Government career of more than forty years in the field of natural resource conservation.

Mr. Hormay's remarkable public service as a Range Conservationist has greatly advanced the knowledge and understanding of rangeland ecology. He has devoted recent years to a marathon of travel, training and lecturing and is in constant demand throughout the West. Due to his exceptional skills and ability "Gus" Hormay is eminently successful as a researcher, teacher, advisor, and editor of natural resource publications. His keen awareness and conceptual understanding of land resource problems have established him as an international authority. Most outstanding has been his development of a scientific system of rest-rotation grazing management applicable to most of the western rangelands. Mr. Hormay has trained professional range managers, stockmen and others in these techniques and advocated the multiple-use benefits to be derived from the public lands under a system of proper livestock management. His rest-rotation principles will have a direct and important bearing on the quality of our environment. Through proper control of livestock grazing Mr. Hormay pioneered for improvements in watershed and habitat and increased forage production accompanied by improved meat production. No other man has currently contributed as much to promoting proper use and management of the total natural rangeland environment, both public and private, and obviated so many inherent conflicts. Mr. Hormay has motivated technicians, stockmen and conservationists alike to utilize expertise in designing management practices. As a tribute to his distinct role in the management and conservation of the Nation's natural resources, Mr. Hormay is granted the highest honor of the Department of the Interior, the Distinguished Service Award.

*Roger C. Morton*

Secretary of the Interior

June 7, 1971

# U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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September 24, 1980

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

REVISED PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD SLATED FOR DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON CHARLES M. RUSSELL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

DENVER--The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has announced a revised schedule for receiving public comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) which will determine future management of million-acre Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge in Montana.

The DEIS was completed and made available to the public for review during the week of September 8, but notice of its availability was not published in the Federal Register until September 18, 1980.

Accordingly, three public hearings in Montana and one in Washington, D.C., have been rescheduled for late October and early November, as follow, for receiving oral comments:

- MISSOULA, MT: Tuesday, October 28, 7:00 p.m., Village Red Lion Motor Inn, 100 Madison.
- LEWISTOWN, MT: Wednesday, October 29, 7:00 p.m., Civic Center, 309 Fifth Avenue South.
- GLASGOW, MT: Thursday, October 30, 7:00 p.m., Civic Center, 319 Third Street South.
- WASHINGTON, D.C.: Monday, November 3, 10:00 a.m., Auditorium, Main Interior Building, 18th and "C" Streets, NW.

Written statements from interested citizens will be accepted through [REDACTED], and should be addressed to the Area Manager, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Room 3035, Federal Building, 316 North 26th Avenue, Billings, Montana 59101.

Copies of the DEIS may be obtained by writing the Regional Director (RW), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Post Office Box 25486, DFC, Denver, CO 80225. Management actions proposed in it are designed to improve wildlife habitat on the refuge from fair, to good or excellent by the year 2000. The primary mission of the refuge, established in 1936, is to provide habitat for a variety of wildlife species.

Statement sent Dec. 2/80  
by Delos Putz.

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September 18, 1980

Mr. Augustus Hormay  
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Berkeley, California 94701

Re: Hinsdale Livestock Company, et al vs.  
The United States of America, et al

Dear Gus:

I have attempted to reach you by telephone with no success. The number I have used is 415/841-5121. However, each time that I dial, I have listened to a recording telling me the number has been changed to 843-1738. I have now talked to two different individuals at the Alfa Tau Omega Fraternity House on the Berkeley campus. Neither gentlemen expressed any familiarity with you. I have determined that you are probably not residing with the Frat boys.

I have attempted to reach you by phone to advise you that the hearing in our case against the BLM will take place in Billings on September 29, 1980. We would like to meet with you at our offices on the afternoon of September 28, 1980, or that evening whichever is more convenient for you. Gene Etchart and the other persons involved will also be in Billings on the 28th preparing for the hearing on the 29th.

I will attempt to reach you by telephone in the evening. However, in the event that I have not contacted you by phone when you receive this letter, could you please call me at work (406/252-3232) or at my home (406/248-1698).

There is still some uncertainty about the status of the range and the eviction notices. Judge Battin has extended the restraining order until September 29, 1980.

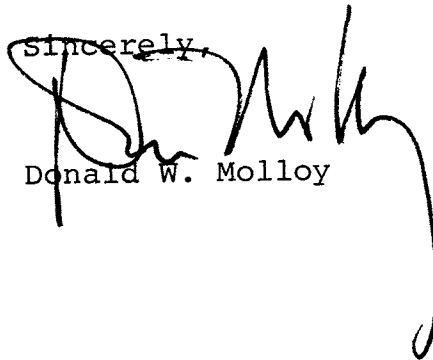
Mr. Augustus Hormay  
September 18, 1980  
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Since your departure, the bureau has had range experts examining the pastures at issue. There is confusion concerning the bureau's position as they may have backed off somewhat. Hopefully, by the time we speak, I will have further clarification of what is involved.

Finally, prior to departing for Montana, we will confirm the necessity of your presence to testify. I mention this only as a precaution should the bureau continue its "flexible recision" and vacillate to the extent that they are not going to carry through with the evictions. If I am unavailable, Cliff Edwards is the lawyer in my office with whom you should speak (home telephone number 406/259-5780).

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald W. Molloy". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards and to the right.

Donald W. Molloy

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