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Robert M. Williamson, Director
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Dear Bob,

You may recall that at the SRM meeting in Boise last February, I told you I plan to write a book on rest-rotation grazing and was seeking information to help answer a question put to me repeatedly, namely - How widely is rest-rotation grazing being practiced on western rangelands, public and private?

Enclosed is a form I prepared to accommodate information on Forest Service and BLM allotments which will help me work up an answer to the question. Can you arrange to have the field fill out the forms and send them directly to me? I will summarize the data.

I have written Dave Tidwell of BLM about this project and have requested similar information for Bureau allotments. Dave has been anxious to cooperate. He has already sent me some information.

I want to look at one or two allotments on each ranger district and grazing district where rest-rotation grazing has been applied in proper form and good results have been obtained. I will make a tentative selection on the basis of the information supplied in the form, and in final selection after contacting the field.

The Bureau has already made arrangements for me to see two allotments later this month - Herd Creek and Morgan Creek in the Salmon District, Idaho. Both encompass Bureau and national forest lands and are managed cooperatively under one grazing plan. I will look at Herd Creek on June 28 and Morgan Creek on June 29 and 30.

The information obtained on allotments should be of value in administration as well as for the present purpose.

Sincerely,



A. L. Hormay

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STATISTICS
BLM and F.S. Grazing Allotments

Allotment name _____

Management jurisdiction

BLM, F.S., other _____ Circle. If allotment
is managed jointly under one plan, circle participants.

Location of Agency (s)

Region _____
State _____
Forest _____
Ranger district _____
Grazing District _____
Resource Area _____
Other _____

Land Ownership or jurisdiction

Acres

BLM _____
F.S. _____
State _____
F&G Dept. _____
F&WLS _____
Other _____

Size _____ Total _____

Livestock

<u>Kind</u>	<u>Number (head)</u>
Cattle	_____
Sheep	_____
Goats	_____
Other	_____

Season of Use (Month & Day) _____ to _____

STATISTICS (Cont'd)

Grazing systems used on allotment since allotment established.

<u>System</u>	<u>Period of Use (dates-years)</u>	
Continuous	_____ to _____	_____ to _____
Rest-Rotation	_____ to _____	_____ to _____
Deferred-Rotation	_____ to _____	_____ to _____
Rotation	_____ to _____	_____ to _____
Other _____	_____ to _____	_____ to _____

Where system, other than continuous, was terminated after a period of use, give reason for termination.

Rest-rotation grazing systems used on allotment - Descriptions

1. Present system

Number of pastures _____

Number of pastures:

- a. grazed until seed-ripe and rested thereafter _____
- b. grazed season-long _____
- c. rested until seed-ripe and grazed thereafter _____
- d. rested season-long _____

2. System that was revised

Number of pastures _____

Number of pastures:

- a. grazed until seed-ripe and rested thereafter _____
- b. grazed season-long _____
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3. System that was terminated

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David P. Tidwell
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Dear Dave,

I received your letter and the list of successful rest-rotation grazing systems in the Bureau.

I will look at the Herd Creek and Morgan Creek allotments in the Salmon District, Idaho later this month - Herd Creek on the 28th and Morgan Creek on the 29th and 30th. The opportunity to see these allotments at this time came with an invitation by the Idaho Cattlemens Range Use Coordinating Committee, to attend their meeting in Challis, June 29 and 30. Morgan Creek will be a major topic of discussion.

Enclosed is a photograph of you on a tour of Morgan Creek July 13, 1973 the year after rest-rotation grazing was implemented. Do you think you can get out to the Challis meeting and see Herd Creek and Morgan Creek?


In the book I plan to write on rest-rotation grazing I want to answer a question asked of me repeatedly, namely - How widely is rest-rotation grazing practiced on western rangelands, public and private?

I prepared the enclosed form to accommodate information on BLM and Forest Service allotments to help answer the question. Can you arrange to have the field provide me with information on Bureau allotments? The completed forms can be sent directly to me.

I have written Bob Williamson of the Forest Service and made a similar request of him for Forest Service allotments.

I greatly appreciate your cooperation on this project.

Sincerely,


A. L. Hormay

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Sherm Ewing
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Dear Sherm,

I'm sorry I took so long to acknowledge receipt of the transcript of our interview on rest-rotation grazing. I have been plagued with eye problems and a heavy work load.

I have still not got around to editing the transcript. Editing is hardly the word. Major surgery is more like it. What a jumble of words. Hardly a coherent sentence in all.

I will be in the field the next two weeks. I will try to get an edited copy to you by the end of July.

I plan to cover many of the subjects in the interview in my book, so I will cut back my responses heavily.

Enclosed is a publication of mine - "Principles of Rest-Rotation Grazing and Multiple-Use Land Management." Training Text 4 (2200) United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Washington, D.C., September 1970. This information together with accounts of experiences with rest-rotation grazing you get from ranchers will give you a feel of rest-rotation grazing and its merits.

Sincerely,



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