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This article just came  
out in BCM publication.

Ray Marxier phoned today  
on problem with Dillon  
BCM.

Regards.

Jack

## MONTANA CATTLE COMPANY RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

*Jody Hauser  
Montana State Office*

The Matador Cattle Company of Dillon has been given the 1991 "Partners in Public Spirit" award. The award was presented January 15 at the annual Montana Winter Grazing Seminar. The award is awarded nationally to six recipients for outstanding contribution to enhancing the nation's public lands and leaving the land in a better state than they found it.

In 1974, BLM worked with Gus Hormay to select demonstration areas for rest rotation grazing. The rest rotation grazing formula allows range grasses to rest, grow and reproduce. The range is divided into three different pastures. One third of the range is not grazed, it is left to rest. Grazing

takes place on the other two pastures at different times during the season.

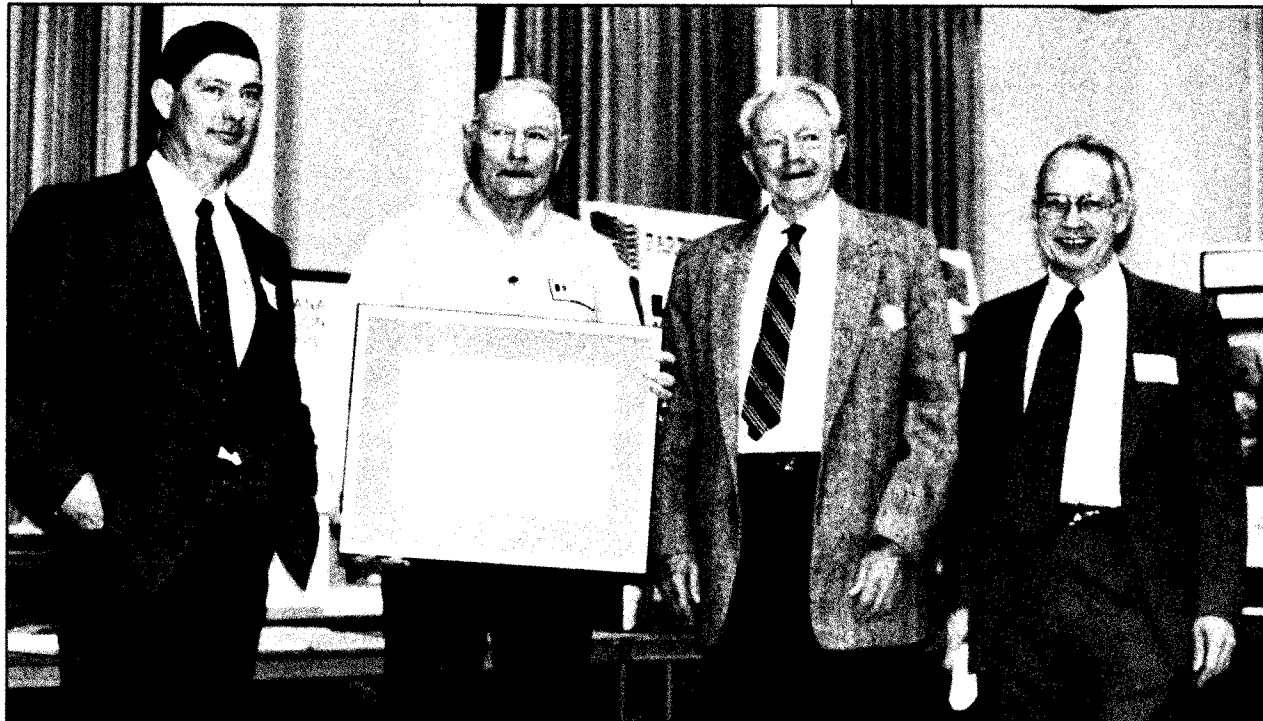
The Sage Creek Allotment, managed by Matador, was one of the allotments selected as a national demonstration area based on the resource conditions, various wildlife habitat values and problems with poisonous plants.

After selection, the Matador Cattle Company voluntarily reduced stocking rates to ensure success in the beginning. They divided the 80,000 acre pasture into six pastures to be managed as three units. Grazing treatments have been applied incorporating rest rotation principles of rest and deferment for the vegetation. For 16 years, upland vegetation and watershed conditions have steadily improved. Winter use by elk has

increased from less than 100 to over 1000.

The Matador Cattle Company has always been willing to share their management practices with interested visitors and have sponsored several tours throughout the years. This past year, the guest list has included visitors from Australia, South America and across the United States. Hormay has led many of these tours during his visits to the allotment to monitor vegetative response.

The Matador Cattle Company's use of the rest rotation grazing strategy, their willingness to share their land management strategy with interested visitors, and contributions to the improvement of rangeland conditions are worthy of national recognition. \*



*Matador Cattle Company receives Partners in Public Spirit Award. From Left to Right: Ray Marxer, Marion Cross, Gus Hormay and Bob Lawton. Photo by Jack Jones*

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04-30-92

Hi Gus +

Not too much more news from here except a few things.

Ray phoned this morning - I had asked him to provide me with information on livestock moves, numbers, etc. for the Matador. I told Ray the information is for myself and 'Gus'. Can't depend on Dillon for anything. Some big changes are in the mill for Dillon - at least it appears so.

If and when you evaluate Roscoe's vitarian information would you send it to my home rather than the office.

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THX Gus.

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