

03-05-94

Hi Gus,

Hope all is well with you and progress on your book.

I could not find another book in town 'The Range' so here is the information on the one I have:

BOOK - THE RANGE - author Sterm Ewing  
Mountain Press Publishing Co.  
P.O. Box 2399  
Missoula, MT. 59806

~~See~~ note the two letters enclosed - one from National Wildlife Federation (anti-livestock grazing) and 'Fine tuners' (anti-livestock grazing). The 'fine tuners' are now spreading untrue information that cattle transmitted disease to the Tenders wild sheep herd in the Dell area. This is of course unbounded. A real 'blow up' just occurred between Fish and Game, Jones and BLM on this. The BLM is finally pushing to get those two jerks out of Dillon once and for all.

I planned to be out of the BLM by now - I am just waiting to see if Congress gets the Retirement incentive Bill through. (\$25,000 to retire now) I could use the change.

Best regards

JACK [JONES]

# OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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MARC RACICOT  
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STATE CAPITOL  
HELENA, MONTANA 59620-0801

March 24, 1994

August Hormay  
101 Acadia Street  
San Francisco CA 94131

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Sincerely,

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Mar. 28/94

Dear Joe! [EGAN]

You are in the  
mill. We'll see  
what comes in time.

I am pulling for you  
MRC

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JACK D. JONES

03-29-94

Hi Gus,

The 'Fine Tuners'

will be gone  
before you finish  
your book!

They will probably  
be gone before I  
retire in a few weeks  
ahead.

Best regards  
Jack

## Our readers speak

the big horn sheep die-off south of Dillon, B.L.M. employees were premature in linking cattle grazing to the die-off. Jim Roscoe and Brian Hockett of the Dillon B.L.M. office should have cited specific data and documentation before making public disclosure of such a serious nature. Not only have their comments aroused the ire of permittees who graze livestock on public lands, but also sportsmen who have actively promoted the transplanting of sheep around the state. Their statement has created a serious rift in landowner-sportsmen relationships as well as halted future sheep transplants.

If the allotments in Muddy Creek were overgrazed, why did these same two individuals approve cattle increases in 1990? They stated in a May 31, 1990 memo, "No resource damage is anticipated as a result of this authorization." "Utilization will be monitored in both the uplands and the riparian areas." Roscoe and Hockett signed the memo, along with the area manager.

Now, just a few years later, after a wet grazing season in 1993, over-use on the allotment is blamed for the dead sheep. The direct blame lies with B.L.M. personnel who were supposedly monitoring, not the permittees.

Several years ago, a similar situation occurred on the Matador ranch near Dillon. Nationally renowned range conservationist Gus Hormay was reviewing a successful rest-rotation system established in 1970. Jim Roscoe criticized him, embarrassing other field trip participants. When Roscoe was asked for documentation refuting Hormays' data, he had none.

We do not need public employees who work for all the public, creating unneeded tension and confusion among Montanans. We should be working together to mold a more viable and enjoyable state. — JACK ATCHESON JR., 2309 Hancock

### Bureau should have monitored

In reference to the Montana Standard's article of March 12th regarding

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