

DEAR GUS

MAY 2, 1994

I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRESENT A SHORT TALK ABOUT REST-ROTATION DURING THE SPRING WATERFOWL FIELD TOUR TO BE HELD IN NORTHEASTERN MONTANA THIS YEAR. THE PROGRAM MAY ALSO INCLUDE PRESENTATIONS THAT CONTEND FOUR PASTURE REST-ROTATION SYSTEMS PROVIDE MORE RESIDUAL COVER FOR EARLY NESTING WATERFOWL THAN DOES A THREE PASTURE SYSTEM.

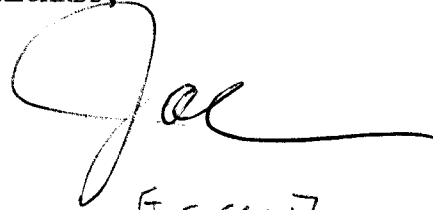
IT APPEARS TO ME THAT THREE PASTURES ARE LESS EXPENSIVE TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN (LESS FENCE, LESS WATER DEVELOPMENT), ARE LESS COMPLICATED FOR THE OPERATOR TO IMPLEMENT AND CONDUCT, REQUIRE LESS LIVESTOCK MOVEMENT BETWEEN PASTURES, AND ULTIMATELY PRODUCE AS MUCH RESIDUAL COVER AS FOUR PASTURES DO.

FOUR PASTURE ARRANGEMENTS USUALLY SHOW GRAZING BEGINNING AT 'FLOWERING TIME' EACH YEAR IN ONE OF THE PASTURES ('B' TREATMENT IN FIGURE 3 ON PAGE 18 OF YOUR 1970 PUBLICATION IS USUALLY OMITTED). THE GRAPH AND TEXT ON PAGE 14 OF THE PUBLICATION SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT PLANTS IN THE PASTURE GRAZED FROM 'FLOWERING TIME' TO AT LEAST SEED-RIPE, DO NOT GET SUFFICIENT REST. IT ALSO APPEARS THAT FOUR PASTURES NECESSITATES THE USE OF TWO HERDS OF STOCK WHICH IS PROBABLY A LITTLE CUMBERSOME FOR MOST OPERATORS.

I'D SURE APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS.

HOW ARE YOU FEELING THESE DAYS? I HOPE THIS LETTER FINDS YOU IN GOOD SPIRITS!!

BEST REGARDS,



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May 2, 1994

Mr. Bruce Babbitt
Secretary of the Interior
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

I read part IV of the Federal Register dated March 24, 1994, concerning a proposed rule describing how you, through BLM, will administer livestock grazing and range management on public land.

Why in the world are you proposing to waste time, manpower and millions of dollars developing something that has already been developed, described and which works?

USDI-BLM and USDA-USFS in September 1970 published "Principles of Rest-Rotation Grazing and Multiple-Use Land Management." The author of this publication and principle investigator of the livestock grazing experiments conducted over a period of 40 years which provide the basis for the grazing and range management described in the publication (TT-4, 2200), is August L. (Gus) Hormay.

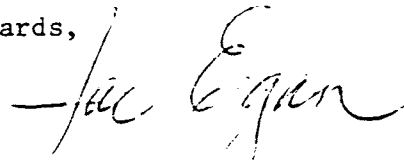
The money Departments of Interior and Agriculture paid Hormay to develop this livestock grazing and land management system which rehabilitates and maintains rangeland while benefiting wildlife, watershed and ALL other values provided by rangeland, is a pittance compared to the money you, your colleagues, DOI and DOA have already spent on your misdirected "...effort to improve the management of the Nation's public rangeland resources."

If YOU had read Hormay's 24 page pamphlet instead of compiling the 40 pages of pure unadulterated BS contained in the aforementioned Federal Register, you'd have saved us taxpayers a lot of bucks plus, you'd know as much or perhaps more about livestock grazing and land management than ALL your "high-powered" advisors, staff and BLMers put together!

Please explain to me why you aren't proposing Hormay's Rest-Rotation Grazing system to "...improve the management of the Nation's public rangeland resources." instead of that garbage in the Federal Register referred to. I look forward to YOUR early reply!!

Best regards,

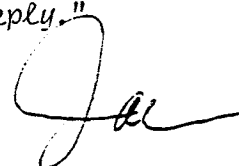
Joe Egan



cc: GAO
Senator Baucus
Senator Burns
Rep. Williams
Mr. Melcher
Mr. Mudd
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JACK:

I WROTE THE FOLLOWING COMMENT ON THE COPY OF THE GAO LETTER I SENT TO OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATES-
"What can be done to stop this kind of waste and nonsense? What are you personally doing to stop it? I look forward to your reply."





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Dear Mr. Hormay:

This is to inform you that I have received your letter dated March 18, 1994, nominating Mr. Joe Egan to the Resource Advisory Council.

I can assure you that Secretary Babbitt will carefully consider your nomination as he makes his decisions about the Resource Council. If you have any questions, please call me at 202/208-6254.

Sincerely,

Terese L. Holman
Department Committee Management Officer

Dear Joe.

May 2/94

Secretary Babbitt is for local control as you know. He says he is going to accept State Governor's recommendations for positions on the Multiple Resource Councils in the states. Hope Governor Racicot recommends you. Hope things are going well for you. My very best wishes
Gus

5-11-94

Dear Gus -

Thanks so much for sending the magnificent enlargement of old timers. So far, it's the only possible usable picture of Dunc, too. Did you do this work (enlargement) yourself?

I identified two more in the photo: Vic Clements is the fair-haired man in the middle background. Phil Johnson (B&V PQ) is at extreme right. Last night I went to the home of a friend north of Palo Cedro, hoping he could identify one or more people whom I expect are engineers. No luck, for sure, but we think

the man kneeling at right
is Joe Elliott, Supervisor
of the Lassen at the time.
I can check that soon.
Also, old timers who show
up at the FSX barbeque
at Bruce Baron's Manton
place in a week or
two my help. I'll keep
you posted.

I hope to talk the local
office of PSW into using
the entire large print,
identifying everyone, with
a special reference to
Dun's contributions in
silviculture.

Good luck with your
book. And thanks again
for your help.

Don [I. GORDON]

May 15, 1994

Dear Joe [EGAN]

In reply to your letter of May 2

This is in context with grazing on a multiple use managed range area. In a 3-pasture rest-rotation grazing system all the vegetation in one pasture, one third the range area, is left ungrazed each year and provides standing residual plant cover for waterfowl the following year. With a 4-pasture system more is left. Here the vegetation in two pastures, half the range area, is left.

Everything considered, however, a 3-pasture system is best. It provides adequate residual cover to maintain a viable waterfowl population. It is the simplest most practical system to operate. The cost of installing and operating a 4-pasture system can hardly be justified. By the way all rest-rotation grazing systems can be operated with one hand.

Educate them in multiple use range management at the meeting the best of luck.

Auss