

January 2, 1997

Dear Gus -

It was so sweet of you - I've enjoyed the cookies you gave me. Thank you -

I hope you enjoyed your Christmas with your sister - good food and good company.

Our day was so happy - I felt good and had such a good time being with my family and shopping and

waxing, etc -

Dean keeps saying how glad he doesn't have to be concerned with the drainage at our other house. (Learned the furnace had to be replaced. Thank goodness for insurance.)

We both wish you a blessed, healthy 1997!

Love,
Dore

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January 6, 1997

Dear Gus,

I hope your Holidays were filled with plenty of good times and the coming years have a lot more good times for you.

I spoke with Mike Frisina about the proposition I presented to you in my last letter. He may give me a little moral support. I told him when I got all the stuff needed for the ad and the instructional material, I'd send him copies for his perusal and comments before anything was done with it. Copies of it will be sent to you for your perusal and any comments you care to make.

We've had a pretty tuff winter so far. These first few days of January were chinook days, and a lot of the snow is gone here in town. Looks like plenty of snow still in the surrounding higher country. SCS snow courses in the major drainages are over 100% average snow pack. Guess that means the irrigators in eastern Montana will have enough water for crops this coming summer

I've talked to Neil, Jack Jones, and a few others that are interested in the welfare of Montana's rangeland resources, and it appears to me that most agency and private rangeland managers still have no idea how to take care of the land. But, of course, you knew that!

I plan to do a little travelling around the eastern part of Montana this spring and early summer. There's several R-R systems that Neil and Harold Wentland have established on some private lands in their respective districts, that should be interesting to look at.

Are you planning on any trips up this way this year? Are you still planning on Frisina and I doing some photography for you this coming spring and/or summer? If so, we need to start making some travel plans.

Keep in touch...

Best regards,

 Joel Egan