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Dear Gus,

I will be spending this summer on the Harvey Valley Allotment, and need a complete set of maps to your range condition, trend transects. Presently I have the maps you provided of range unit one and the West sides of range units 2 and 3.

Please copy and send maps for the remainder of range units 2 and 3 (especially Burgess Springs Draw) and for range units 4 and 5. I will reimburse the expense of copying and mailing.

Hope this finds you in health and that all is going well with you.

Sincerely,

Ray Ratliff

cc: G. Marsters



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Dear Gus:

I just survived another trip to rural China and am back on the job defending Rest Rotation grazing. The argument with Ray Mule is still going on, but thanks to your support I am able to keep things under control.

I hope you are making progress on your new RR publication as it will be very valuable for guys like me. Please remember I will help you any way possible.

It has been a tough winter in Montana. The worst I have ever seen. There is still about four feet of snow at the Mule Ranch. Spring is coming very slow this year and the mule deer fawns have suffered as a result.

We are busy implementing a new grazing system along the north boundary of MT Haggin WMA.. This includes the deer and elk winter range in Willow Creek and a portion of the Willow Glen Ranch. The land ownership's are merged together and the system will provide a place for the livestock from May until June 15 when they go to the larger grazing system you designed. The new system will also provide a place for the cattle during late October and November after they are finished grazing on the summer range. The new system includes the bitterbrush rangelands as well as irrigated meadows on the private lands. I will keep you informed of our progress.

As usual things are busy, my Department is currently helping many different ranchers implement RR grazing on their lands. The program is a major activity of our Habitat Bureau.

I just wanted to say hello and let you know what has been going on in Montana. Hope to see you one of these days.

Sincerely,

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