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Ponderosa Pine Ranges
(Burgess Spring)

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FOREST SUPERVISOR, LASSEN NATIONAL FOREST

FROM: A. L. HORMAY, Range Conservationist

Dear Art:

This is in reply to Phil Lord's memorandum of February 25 to the Director.

Right after receiving this memorandum, we found out that Chic Joy and Aven Denham of the Regional Office would be going to the Lassen in a few days. I discussed Phil's memorandum with them so they could in turn discuss it with you and your staff first hand. Upon their return a few days ago they said that the Lassen had arranged for 29 of Mrs. Jeffcoat's cattle to be grazed in the Burgess Spring pastures during the regular permitted season - June 1 to October 1 or 15. That is satisfactory from our standpoint. We can get the experimental information we need during this period.

As you know, we are rounding up all of our research work at Burgess Spring for publication. We have virtually completed compilation of all data including last year's records. The big job of writing will begin soon and will take the summer to complete. I will not be at Burgess Spring as frequently during the summer as in the past to weigh the cattle or check on their well being. I will however, as in the past, handle all the weighings that will be made. In between times I wonder if the Forest can see to it that the cattle are properly enclosed and have water?

As usual, it will be necessary to check the fences this spring and repair them where needed before the cattle go into the pastures. I think two men can do this in about four days. In addition, and in order to carry out this season's research program, it will be necessary to build about three-quarters of a mile of temporary fence splitting the timber pasture. I went over the line last fall. Ninety percent of the fence can be tacked on trees shielded with boards and can be built by two men in about eight working days. We have all the materials. Will it be possible for the Lassen to handle the labor? If you do not have enough money in the Blacks Mt. maintenance fund to cover this job, we can supply the difference here in Berkeley.

I expect to be on the Lassen for a few days early in April - as soon as growth starts at Burgess Spring - and will drop into your office to clarify any points that may be in question.

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