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Dear Joe:

Looks like the Farm Bureau meeting scheduled for September 23 at Harvey Valley has been postponed. This changes my plans and I probably will not be up to Blacks Mnt. much before the first of October.

There was something I neglected to do in pasture 1 which perhaps you can find time to do for me. I had planned to broadcast seed on a few plots with smooth brome and crested wheatgrass or intermediate wheat. I would like to get a little idea of how these species take hold when worked into the ground by trampling. It is almost too late to expect much because we are within 10 days of the end of the grazing season. However, I think it worth trying. Now, if you can find the time I wish you would seed about 8 plots. For each plot simply set up two metal fence posts for line and broadcast seed two strips by hand, one on either side of the line between the posts. See sketch below:

Approx. 6 to 8 feet

Number and location of plots

1. Near line transect located just inside pasture 1 on the Lodgepole road—left hand side of road going east—sagebrush, bitterbrush, grass type. Seed to crested wheat.

2. About 0.5 east of plot 1 (above) along Lodgepole road in stips swale, located north side of road opposite steel post (aluminum) on south shoulder of road marking a transect. Seed to crested wheat.

3. Rocky sagebrush type sprayed with 2,4-D on lower bench about 1 mile northeast of plot 2 (above) on south side of Lodgepole road. Locate in sprayed area near transect (at least 100 feet away) marked with color posts. Seed to crested wheatgrass.

4. Sprayed Artemisia cana, squirrel tail type near stop (1) made on the tours, this summer. Place near (100 feet away) transect located there. Seed to smooth brome or smooth brome and intermediate wheatgrass, 50-50.
5. Tour stop number (2), sprayed by sagebrush, near transects. Crested wheatgrass.

6. As in 5 on unsprayed check strip next to 5.


8. Similar spot to 7 above but more subsoil and rock, along road a little north of 7. You pick it out. Crested wheatgrass.

Sow all plots at approximately 10 pounds per acre. Use whatever seed you have on hand. I think there is a mixture of smooth brome and crested wheatgrass in the seeder box in the drill below Burgess Spring which will be satisfactory in all locations.

This job is not vital. If others are pressing you too much, forget it. I appreciate that you have ten times as much work as you can handle. I'm proposing this one on the chance it would be a little different and might give you a little diversion. Hope the fire situation is still under control.

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