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ASSISTANT REGIONAL FORESTER

G-REVEGETATION-Harvey Valley Allotment

Reference is made to your memorandum of February 20.

We sincerely hope that Tom Clayton's latest decision to graze in 1956 is final so that an understanding can be reached, prior to the opening of the grazing season, of what cooperation may be expected from the permittee in furthering our Harvey Valley Allotment program. If you have any reason to believe that Tom Clayton might vacillate further in his decision, you may want to advise him of a final date after which you will expect him to graze his livestock on the range this season.

By now you should have received from CF&RES a copy of Gus Hormay's proposed plan of work for the coming season, and we are confident that you folks will secure Tom Clayton's cooperation in carrying out the essential work.

In regard to the flood, snow and ice damage to your fence improvements in Harvey Valley, and elsewhere, it is doubtful if any financing will be made available to assist in the unusual damage suffered by this type of improvement. It is especially unfortunate since this sort of improvement has such limited sources from which to secure maintenance funds.

It appears that control of the cattle within the pastures in Harvey Valley will be difficult without adequate fence maintenance, and for that reason more dependency than ever will need to be placed on the rider to hold the stock in the proper pastures. As was discussed on-the-ground last September with you and C. A. Joy, every effort will be made to secure more adequate financing for the reconstruction and maintenance fencing program needed to carry on the Harvey Valley Allotment demonstration program. At the present time it appears unlikely that we can be of any financial assistance until next fiscal year.

cc: CF&RES (Mr. Woolfolk) w/copy of Lassen memo of 2/20, Operation w/copy of Lassen memo of 2/20