REPLY TO: 6140 Training (2200)  

June 2, 1969

SUBJECT: Training Session - Rest-Rotation Grazing

TO: Forest Supervisors and Assistant Regional Foresters

A. L. "Gus" Hormay has consented to present the Orientation in Rest-Rotation Grazing scheduled in FSM 6141.15-17, R-1 Supplement No. 110, for February 18-19, 1970. Mr. Hormay's presentations are excellent, and opportunities to attend his sessions are limited.

The principles embodied in the rest-rotation model apply to a wide range of uses and decisions related to wildland management. We hope that Forest Supervisors and Assistant Regional Foresters who have not previously had this training will be able to attend. We also plan to invite a few key members of other agencies and university staffs to this meeting.

/SWatts/

for

FLOYD IVERSON
Regional Forester

cc: Mr. Hormay 4112 (712a)
TO

CODE      NAME      ORGANIZATION

Gus Harnoy

Indicate Action by Number
1. Necessary action
2. Approval
3. Signature
4. Prepare reply
5. Your comment and return
6. Note and surname
7. Note and return
8. Your information
9. See me
10.

From: Gus Teal

Date: 6/5
Room No.

Office: 330 Range

Phone

Remarks:

Gus—This is joint with the
T. H. that I discussed with you
and made arrangement
with you directly—Please
accommodate them. Utah needs
to know more about Beet Rota

Gus Teal
May 28, 1969

Memorandum

To: Director (300)
From: State Director, Utah

Subject: Assistance of Gus Hormay

Allan Adams, President, Utah Section, American Society of Range Management; Dan Freed, Director, Utah Cattlemen Association; and Marcellus Palmer, Executive Secretary, Utah Wool Growers, have requested the services of Gus Hormay in the conduct of four 2-day training sessions for stockmen on rest rotation grazing techniques. The proposed sessions would be held at Logan, Salt Lake City, Price, and Cedar City during the first two weeks of October.

Livestock associations have recognized the value of the rest rotation grazing system as demonstrated by established management plans in various sections of the west. We have been successful in gaining the cooperation of many livestock users by implementing rest rotation management techniques on public lands. It is believed that this training session, proposed by the livestock operators and the Utah Section of the American Society of Range Management, would be helpful to BLM programs as well as in promoting overall range management on other federal lands, as well as private and state lands in Utah.

I request that Mr. Hormay's assignments include a scheduled visit to Utah at this time to provide assistance as requested. Please advise me at the earliest possible date as to whether the request can be accommodated. The four 2-day sessions can be scheduled in such a manner to minimize travel and other expenses.

A copy of Allan Adams letter of May 23 is attached.

Copy to: Allan Adams
May 23, 1969

Mr. Robert D. Nielsen, State Director
Bureau of Land Management
8239 Federal Bldg., 125 South State
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Dear Mr. Nielsen:

The Utah Section of the American Society of Range Management in cooperation with the Utah Cattlemen Association and the Utah Woolgrowers request your assistance in obtaining the services of Mr. Gus Hormay. We would like to have Gus come to Utah during early October 1969 and conduct four 2-day training sessions on rest-rotation grazing. The proposed sessions would be held at Logan, Salt Lake City, Price, and Cedar City.

There is a real need for this type of range management training in Utah. It would greatly benefit ranchers and public range managers as well. We would appreciate any help you can give us.

For your consideration, I have enclosed copies of letters received from the Utah Cattlemen and the Utah Woolgrowers as expressions of their interest and support of the proposed training sessions.

Please let us know if it is possible to have Gus come to Utah so that we can proceed with arrangements and publicity.

Sincerely yours,

Allan Adams, President
American Society of Range Management
Utah Section
555 East Fifth North
Logan, Utah 84321
TO: Ray Ballard
FROM: J. James

MESSAGE

Here's a copy of Ern Dorward's memo & comments from P-5 on the Harvey Valley MSS. — also the copy of the mss they had, which has a couple of pencil notes on it.

I delayed sending these to you, as I had hoped to check the points with you on the 16th, but no time remained.

Please give these your consideration — I'll hold the original until I hear from you. I think it's particularly important to get P-5 comments on every mss. drawn from the Harvey Valley study.

(SIGNATURE)

J. James

(DESTROY THIS PART 3 UPON RECEIPT OF REPLY)
June 6, 1969

Mr. Gus Hormay  
Forest Service PSW Experiment Sta.  
Box 245  
Berkeley, Calif. 94701

Dear Mr. Hormay:

This will confirm our telephone conversation today regarding a proposed training session with Utah stockmen in October.

I am attaching copies of an exchange of correspondence with the Director's office and Mr. Allan Adams, President of Utah Section, American Society of Range Management. I suggest that you contact Mr. Adams and work out details concerning your schedule.

We will plan to have some of our range people on board at each of the sessions.

Sincerely yours,

R. D. Nielson  
State Director
UTAH STATE OFFICE  
Post Office Box No. 11505 
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111  

June 6, 1969

Mr. Allan Adams, President  
Utah Section ASENM  
555 East Fifth North  
Logan, Utah 84321  

Dear Mr. Adams:

I have been in touch with Gus Hornay concerning the proposed training session in October on rest rotation. Gus is favorable to the proposal and will be in touch with you concerning the matter. It looks like he can be here at least during the week of September 29 to October 4.

If it is acceptable to you, we would like to have some of our range people participate in these sessions. Please advise if this will be satisfactory.

Sincerely yours,

R. D. Nielson  
State Director

RDNielson:jg
June 13, 1969

Allan Adams, President
American Society of Range Management
Utah Section
555 East Fifth North
Logan, Utah 84321

Dear Allan:

State Director Robert Nielson of the Bureau of Land Management talked to me by telephone last week, and since has sent me correspondence about your request for range training sessions for stockmen and others in Utah this coming October. I indicated to Director Nielson that I could probably conduct the sessions the week of September 29.

Early this week Joe Zylinski, Forest Service, and Nick Cozakos, BLM, phoned me about firming up meeting dates. No doubt they talked to you about it.

I suggested that these initial sessions with stockmen be one-day long. Follow-up sessions could be longer. We talked about holding the first session in Logan, Monday, September 29, the second in Salt Lake City on Tuesday, the third in Price on Wednesday, and the fourth in Cedar City on Friday. I would travel from Price to Cedar City on Thursday.

I told Joe and Nick that I may have a conflict during this period, but after reviewing my calendar I find I have none. So as far as I'm concerned you may go ahead making arrangements for the meetings.

Enclosed is a photograph and a brief biographical sketch of me.

I will plan to fly to Salt Lake City Sunday, September 28. I will notify Nick Cozakos of my arrival time.

I am looking forward to these meetings.

Sincerely,

A. L. Hormay
Range Conservationist

Enclosures
June 20, 1969

Dear,

There will be a range users meeting in Alturas on July 2, 1969. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. in the Veteran's Memorial Hall at the south end of Main Street. It will be an all day meeting. The morning session will deal specifically with the Tule Lake Allotment and the North Tableland Allotment. The afternoon session will deal with intensive range management grazing systems.

Mr. Gus Hormay will be the speaker. If at all possible you should attend this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

William Larramendy

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Weber Brothers  Somer Beeson  Sheep  Kenneth Van Loan
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Joe Hoy  John  Ranch, Don
Jack Rice  Don Flournoy
June 20, 1969

Memorandum

To: Chief, Division of Range Management (712a) Wash., D. C.

From: A. L. Hormay, Range Conservationist, Berkeley

Subject: Monthly Report, June 1969

Planned travel in Nevada and California during the month was cut short by rain and muddy roads. The trips were rescheduled as follows: for the Susanville District, June 30 - July 2; the Winnemucca District, July 17-21; the Battle Mountain District, August 18-20; and the Elko District, August 21-22.

Jim Lambert, Area Manager, and three others from the Battle Mountain District, Ross Ferris of the State Office, and I were scheduled to visit the Eureka Allotment northeast of Austin, Nevada, June 17, but could get only to the ranch headquarters of the base of the allotment because of rain and mud. However, we met the permittee, Phillip Etcheverry, there and discussed the allotment with him for about four hours. On-the-ground appraisal of the allotment with the permittee is set for August 18-20.

The allotment is about 227,000 acres in size and encompasses Roberts Mountain some 30 to 35 miles northeast of Austin, Nevada. It is grazed by about 7,500 sheep and 1,500 cattle. It has high hunting, fishing, recreation, watershed and esthetic values. Plans are under way to put the allotment under a multiple-use rest-rotation grazing system of management. Mr. Etcheverry attended the rest-rotation grazing session in Elko last November.

I found a few days time during the month to work on the bitterbrush seed germination manuscript. I will not have more time for this until October.

Enclosures
June 23, 1969

There will be a range users meeting in Alturas on July 2, 1969, at 11:00 a.m., in the Veterans Memorial Building.

This meeting is primarily for the range users who are now operating in an allotment that has a grazing system or who will be involved in a grazing system in the near future.

Mr. Gus Hormey from the BLM Washington Office will present a program dealing with grazing management systems. Mr. Hormey is an authority on this subject. He will show you how the grazing systems are operating in the eleven western states and the effects on the range and the ranchers.

This will be an excellent meeting. If at all possible you should attend.

Sincerely yours,

Roger W. Burwell
Acting District Manager

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TO: Ed Gaines, Assistant Director
FROM: Ray Ratliff (Research Work Unit Leader)

SUBJECT: Written Information
(H.V. Economics Manuscript)

Two things of importance regarding this manuscript have recently come out which had been missed in the analysis as presented in the Evaluation report.

1) While talking with Fred Alberico the question of whether we had charged all boundary fence costs against Harvey Valley was raised. Indeed this was the case, and as Fred pointed out, the neighboring allotments should bear half of these costs.

2) On reading West's comment on weight losses the question—shouldn't we have charged the other 30 lbs. of weight loss which is due to dry forage etc., against the permittee's regular costs without rest-rotation—came to the front.

I called Dick McConnen in regard to these two questions. His reaction was that boundary fence costs should be divided and the 30 lbs. of weight loss charged. Hence, I am making the required calculations and changes in the text of the manuscript. I will be sending the manuscript with the indicated changes to Dick and Jack Reppert for their final OK. I would like you to return the original of the manuscript to me as an aid to Chris in retyping. Wording of the manuscript will be changed only slightly as a result of recalculation.

I now wish to reply to the comments by Doman, Bolander, and West. I am returning their comments with this memo.

Comments by Doman:

1. First, I share Doman's concern that the full story on improvement at Harvey Valley is not brought out in this manuscript. However, as I have stated before—we cannot go into great detail on this subject in this manuscript. Now most certainly the cultural improvements have been a factor, and this fact is recognized in the manuscript. See page 3—"these improvements were planned to
complement the effects of the grazing system in restoring the range to high production".

Second, I reject the idea that our comparison of range condition and trend is "shaky". Our objective was to determine whether Harvey Valley was in better condition than the neighboring allotments—the data tell the story. Because we had no previous data from the study plots assessment of trend had to be based on the plot data and what we were able to learn regarding fence construction and past grazing use.

2. We have used Roney's estimates of his costs of operation, and it is a fact that cross fencing was completed by the 1957 grazing season—when Roney came into the picture. While it is true that less riding is needed at a given time to care for the cattle due to concentration, additional riding is required in order to gather the cattle and move them between range units. Hence I feel the riding costs as given by Roney must stand.

3. Fencing was completed by the end of 1954 and in 1954 the system was fully operational. True, in several years we did not obtain the planned rest in all units. However, the use of range units scheduled for rest is a planned part of the system to assure ample feed for the livestock in event of a poor forage year.

Comments by Bolander:

1. I don't feel that such a paragraph is needed. However, the point can be brought out in the second paragraph of the abstract—second statement. The comment brought out the fact that we had not said that we were dealing with a five unit system. This will also be made clear on page 2.

2. The expense of the corral was considered a cost due to research. I fail to see his point on page 11a—this is the table of Roney's costs. See page 3 where the statement on the corral setup is made.

3. This is a valid point which adds clarity to the paper. However, I would say "equally developed" rather than fully developed.

Comments by West:

1. Indeed the initial statement does refer to all National Forests. This is a matter of wording, not of content or meaning. Refer to title 2200, 2202 (Objectives) of the manual. Objective b. reads "develop the range resources on all National Forest system lands to their reasonably attainable potential, and manage them for sustained grazing in harmony with interrelated uses". I fail to
see any essential difference between this and the statement we have used. However, it would (perhaps) be better to say "One objective of National Forest grazing management etc". I will make this change in the abstract and also on page 15 of the text.

2. This could be mentioned, but few if any would accept the results as firm evidence that Roney is wrong, and the cost does not go unquestioned in the text.

Jack, Dick, and I all expect this paper to be in for a great deal of comment--both favorable and unfavorable. Rest-rotation is after all a darn hot spud.

Attachments:

RDRatliff: cab

[Signature]
June 26, 1969

Mr. A. L. Hormay
Range Conservationist
Pacific S. W. Forest and Range
Experiment Station
1960 Addison Street
Berkley, California

Dear Mr. Hormay:

If you have published any findings on the effect of livestock rest rotation grazing on mule deer winter ranges, I would appreciate a copy of anything on this subject you have available.

If you have any additional comments they would be sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

 JOHN W. MCKEAN
 DIRECTOR

By M. S. Cummings
Chief Biologist
Big Game Management

MSC/pj
June 3, 1969

Memorandum

To: District Manager, Ely District Office

From: A. L. Hormay, Range Conservationist, Berkeley

Subject: Smith Creek Allotment Management Plan

Your memorandum of May 6, 1969 and information on the Smith Creek Allotment reached me while I was preparing for a range training session for the Forest Service in Missoula, Montana the week of May 19. I did not have time to go over your material until this week.

As much as I would like, I am in no position to suggest a grazing system for the allotment. As you can well appreciate, I am not familiar enough with ground conditions and details of the entire situation to do this. Furthermore, the way my work is programmed I only have time to review and comment on plans that have been developed to nearly final form. In view of the many changes—objectives, area, kind of stock—that have occurred on the Smith Creek Allotment since May of 1967, may I suggest you rewrite the plan and incorporate your latest thinking. I will be glad to review the plan.

I assume rest-rotation grazing will be involved. You should get good results with either a 3-treatment or 4-treatment grazing formula.

I am returning the writeups and maps of the allotment. They may be your only copies.

Enclosures

cc: Nevada State Office (Range Management)