Lakeview  May 1972

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VALE
TO : A. L. Hormay  
Berkeley, California  

FROM : State Director, Nevada  

SUBJECT: Training: Rest-Rotation Grazing  

We have identified the need for a week long training session for Nevada personnel. We would like this session to emphasize bitterbrush production and reproduction. If possible, it would be desirable to visit (1) your studies at Harvey Valley on deer summer range, and (2) recent BLM practices at Wells Meadow near Bishop on deer winter range.

We need this training for our District personnel, Advisory Board members, and cooperating State and Federal wildlife agency personnel. It is possible that the group would be around 25 persons.

At this time it is necessary to plan for a time when such training could be accomplished in accordance with your schedule. May we suggest the following possible dates:

July 10-14  
July 17-21  
July 24-28  
July 31-August 4  
August 7-11  
August 14-18  
August 28-September 1

Whatever assistance you can give us on this matter would be greatly appreciated.
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Purdy at 9:40 a.m. in the Conference Room. Each individual in attendance introduced himself, and a list of those present is attached.

A summary report of the Morgan Creek–Prairie Basin project was distributed to those present. Mr. Sam Warren, Ranger on the Challis National Forest, gave a brief report on the implementation of the management plan for the area. The written plan has been compiled and signed. Copies were distributed to members of the Committee.

Lee Sharp gave a brief report on the status of the larkspur research program. Funds have been made available for the research and an area at Ashton has been fenced to provide the experimental pastures. Research will begin in June of this year. The cattlemen at Challis have been feeding the mineral mixture recommended for two months and will continue to feed during the time the larkspur range is grazed.

Ralph Samson reported on the state land situation in the Morgan Creek area. A discussion of conflict bids in leasing state land followed. Noy Brackett inquired about changing the law with respect to leasing state lands. Mr. Samson then explained the functioning of the Board of Land Commissioners and requirements by law for state land lease and sale procedures.

Bruce Godfrey distributed a rough draft of "An Economic Analysis of Range Improvements in the Oakley Valley Area of Southern Idaho", compiled by Jim Araji and Godfrey. He requested comments after review by the Committee so that a final publication may be developed. Considerable discussion in the handling of intangibles such as watershed, wildlife, and environmental values followed. Dr. Godfrey informed the group of the planning multiple use research to be conducted at Morgan Creek by the University of Idaho. Numerous comments, concerning the importance of obtaining adequate data before a project starts, were made by Committee members.

The issue of fencing the state land leased by the Pickett Sheep Company was considered. Bob Brock, Area Manager for the Bureau of Land Management, presented background information on the rest rotation plan developed for
the Goose Creek area. Reference was made to distribution of use made during
the 1963 adjudication. It was pointed out that, according to the adjudication, the
area in question was allotted to the Pickett Sheep Company as a sole user. With
initiation of the rest rotation, a fence was constructed on the south side of the
state land lease area. An existing fence partially blocked the north boundary.
The Pickett Sheep Company asked the State Land Department for a permit to
replace this fence. Objections to the fence by the cattlemen caused the Idaho
State Land Department to request a recommendation from the Range Use Coordi-
nating Committee concerning the fencing permit.

Mr. Ennis Pickett was called upon to present his case for building the
fence.

He presented the following arguments supporting the request for fencing:
1. The area is vital to his sheep operation.
2. The area was adjudicated for exclusive sheep use in 1963.
3. The federal lands inside the proposed fenced area would be compen-
sated with state lease lands outside the area.
4. The state land lease is too high ($2.70/AUM) to exchange use on all
   the lands. The present exchange rate is 10 acres per AUM.
5. Exchange of use would complicate the grazing pattern.
6. The fencing would not interfere with the allotment management plan.
7. Most of the permittees have approved the fencing.
8. Because of the shed lambing operation, the weed-browse vegetation
   is essential to finishing the lambs between June 20 and July 10.

Discussion of the above statements followed the presentation by Mr. Pickett.

Mr. Bruce Bedke presented an opinion that the fencing would interfere
with the rest rotation program. He said that the gathering of cattle in the fall
would be greatly facilitated if the area were fenced. Mr. Bedke indicated that
he did not see a conflict between the sheep and cattle because of the time that
the lambs were finished and the time the cattle would normally move through
the area. Mr. Pickett pointed out that there would be a conflict because the
ewes remained in the area until August 20th.

Mr. Herschel Bedke spoke against the fencing on the basis that the natural
migration of cattle from unit two to unit one, or vice versa, would be through
the area in question. He indicated that the area had a long history of common
use and that it compliments the carrying capacity of the total range in the allotment plan. Mr. Pickett indicated that the cattle could be moved through the area if desired. Mr. Bedke responded that it would be better for a free movement rather than driving.

Mr. Roscoe Rich commented that since the area was established as a private allotment and that Mr. Pickett had the lease, the question of the fence should be resolved by the State Land Department and the Pickett Sheep Company. He stated that the question was whether the cattlemen had a right to pass through the area or not. In his opinion, they did not have such a right. Chairman Purdy recognized that the Committee had no authority in making a decision, but that a request had been made for a recommendation and there was a strong need to maintain cooperation among the users in the demonstration area.

Mr. Max Bruce, District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, indicated that a swath through the junipers had been made along the west side to facilitate movement of cattle without going through the leased area.

Bob Brock, in response to questions from Jack Hemingway and Ralph Samson, indicated that the leased area was not included in the original rest rotation plan designed by Mr. Hormay. Additional discussion followed on possible alternatives to resolve the fencing problem. Lee Sharp pointed out that it was extremely important that the livestock users and range administrators demonstrate that resource problems can be resolved in a position fashion.

Chairman Purdy asked that the users, involved in the fencing problem, wait outside while the Committee discussed a recommendation. After a lengthy discussion, it was moved by Ralph Samson and seconded by Jack Hemingway that:

1) fencing of the area be allowed with the fence to be located along a logical line as close as practical to the state land boundary; (2) the cattle be allowed to move through the area from unit two to unit one, or vice versa, on one day with gates to be left open for three days to allow cows to return for any lost calves, and all cattle to be out on the fourth day after movement starts; (3) the time of cattle movement to be determined by the Bureau of Land Management; (4) the juniper chained strip to be used to the fullest extent possible; and (5) adjustments to be made, if necessary, to facilitate the program after a trial period.

The above motion was unanimously passed by the Committee.
Jack Hemingway moved and Oliver Cliff seconded a recommendation to the Idaho State Land Board:

that the State Board of Land Commissioners give serious consideration to applications for leases so that ongoing resource, or allotment management plans involving federal, state and private lands may not be disrupted.

The motion carried with no dissenting votes and one abstention.

During the discussion that followed, it was indicated that the State Land Department and the State Board of Land Commissioners have been cognizant and cooperative with respect to state land leases in areas where allotment management plans have been developed.

The Goose Creek users were asked to return to the meeting and the recommendation concerning the fencing problem was read to them. Mr. Herschel Bedke commented on the fencing of a lane through the area.

The Committee considered recommendations for new programs. Jack Hemingway suggested that resource problems in the vicinity of the East Fork of the Salmon River may be a worthwhile program. Bill Mathews invited the group to consider problems in connection with BLM fire rehabilitation programs. A meeting is being held on June 14 and 15 to examine these problems. The groups will leave from the north side of the parking lot of the Holiday Inn in Twin Falls at 8:00 a.m. on June 14. Burned areas in the Shoshone District, south and east of Timmerman Hills, are to be examined on June 14. On June 15, Perry Plummer and Gus Hormay will participate with the group in a discussion of the fire rehabilitation program. Mr. Mathews requested that the IRUC Committee attend, if possible.

Mr. Mathews also suggested that a worthy project for the Committee would be consideration of the wild horse management plan in the East Fork of the Salmon River area.

At this point, Mr. Oliver Cliff cautioned that the Committee not extend its activities until the Morgan Creek project was known to be functioning properly. He commented that the East Fork area could be examined when the Committee meets in Challis next summer.

State Director of the BLM, Bill Mathews, invited the IRUC Committee to participate with the State Advisory Board on a tour of the Pleasant View Allotment near Malad. The tour will be held on August 16 and 17, with final
arrangements as to meeting place and route of travel to be developed by the Burley District. National Director of the BLM, Burt Silcock, will be in attendance.

Gene Davis asked the Committee to consider continuation of the research work at the Saylor Creek station. The U. S. Forest Service will be terminating their work at this location on June 30, 1973. It was suggested that this item be on the agenda at the next meeting of the Committee.

The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled to be held in the Morgan Creek area in September between Labor Day and the beginning of elk season.

Meeting adjourned after 4:00 p.m.

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Dear Luke,

Enclosed is a copy of a form for recording results of ponderosa pine and bitterbrush seed plantings made in your area by your people and others while I was visiting there last week. Joe Eichert and Don Stockton among others will understand the form.

If possible please examine the plantings within a week of planting to see if rodents, birds, insects or other animals are bothering the seed. Make the first (germination) examination about a month after planting pine and the second (survival) examination in the fall just before snowfall. I hope there will be plants to examine in the spring of 1973.

Plantings were made in the Fish Creek-Brickell Creek areas northwest of Coeur d'Alene. Please duplicate the form and send a supply to Mike Reck enough for 3 plots.

Thanks.

Sue Horman.

See you in June.
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Likely causes: weather, grazing, rodents, insects, plant competition.
May 8, 1972

Mr. A. L. Hormay
Range Conservationist
Bureau of Land Management
P. O. Box 245
Berkeley, California  94701

Dear Gus:

Attached is a copy of our Range Workshop agenda for June 12-16, 1972. Happy that you will be able to meet with us as outlined on the agenda on Tuesday, June 13. We are looking forward to your presentation and discussion of the possibilities of Rest-Rotation Grazing.

We have reserved a room for you at the Boise Hotel for 4 nights, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 12-14, 1972. If I can be of help in any way for transportation to and from the airport, please let me know.

If you have any questions or comments before our meeting, please call me.

Sincerely,

Don Fulton
Range Conservationist

cc w/attachments:

Director, BLM, Boise State Office
Hugh Harper, BLM, Boise State Office
Walt Rumsey, SCS, Boise (w/o attachment)
May 9, 1972

Mr. A. L. Hormay  
Forest Service Experiment Station  
P.O. Box 245  
Berkeley, California  94701

Dear Gus:

At the conclusion of the 14 livestockmen's training sessions on rest rotation grazing, it was discussed with you that we would follow up during this fiscal year and fiscal year 1973 with field sessions wherein actual applications of the principles underlying rest rotation grazing would be shown to livestockmen and other interested parties. In connection with this, I have been approached by Karl Parker, Extension Range Specialist, Utah State University, with two proposals for the follow up field sessions. We are proposing that the first of these sessions be held July 10-11 in Piute and Sevier Counties.

Some questions have been raised as to management practices versus artificial development by Mr. Robert Tyckart of Junction, Utah. I feel that if we present such a session on the application of proper grazing practices to people like Mr. Tyckart, we will have better support of our programs. Mr. Tyckart has a grant from the Four Corners Commission and has raised numerous questions through his letters to the Utah Congressional Delegation. If at all possible, we would like to have this particular session scheduled.

During the week of August 7 through 11, we would like to set up the second cooperative field session to be sponsored by BLM, the Extension Service and other agencies. We propose to hold these sessions in Kane, Garfield and Rich Counties.

I will appreciate your cooperation in setting up these schedules for Utah.

Sincerely yours,

R. D. Nielson  
State Director

cc: Dir. (330)  
Karl Parker, Ext. Range Spec., USU
May 10, 1972

Mr. A. L. Hormay
Range Management Specialist
Bureau of Land Management
P.O. Box 245
Berkeley, California 94701

Dear Gus:

This is a progress report on recent developments.

I met with Commissioner Trombley today to decide who will attend your seminar from this department. It appears that we will send approximately thirty people. Attached is a copy of a memo designating those who will attend. There may be others.

Gus, I certainly appreciate the time you spent with us last week. I am certain the effort will bear fruit June 8th.

From the interest I've received from all over Idaho and Washington, I am sure we will have a big turnout.

I hope to see you next week while you are visiting Dave Little's medeusa head project.

Thanks again, Gus, for a very pleasant and fruitful three days last week.

Very truly yours,

FOR THE COMMISSIONER

DAVID P. TIDWELL
Division Chief, Range Management

DPT: vp
enc.
May 10, 1972

Mr. William Mathews
State Director
Bureau of Land Management
550 Fort Street
Boise, Idaho 83702

Dear Bill:

As you are no doubt aware, Mr. A. L. "Gus" Hormay has scheduled a course in Wildland Management at Coeur d'Alene on June 6, 7 and 8, 1972.

I would like to invite you, your staff, and any of your district people to attend.

Don Sweep, Acting District Manager at Coeur d'Alene and his staff have been cooperating with this department for several months in preparation for this program. Some of his people will be in attendance, however, there may be BLM personnel from other districts who may wish to attend.

We are looking forward to an enlightening program that should result in improved communication between all disciplines of resource management.

Please instruct those people who plan to attend to so inform Dave Tidwell of this office.

Very truly yours,

G. C. TROMBLEY
State Land Commissioner

GCT:DPT:vp
enc.
The Idaho Department of Public Lands is pleased to announce that a three day course in Wildland Management, conducted by A. L. "Gus" Hormay, will be held June 6, 7 & 8, 1972. The course will be located in the Convention Center of the North Shore Lodge, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

This exciting educational opportunity is tailored to the resource needs of the Inland Empire of Northern Idaho, Eastern Washington, Northeastern Oregon and Western Montana. Mr. Hormay will demonstrate the interrelationship of the resources and how they must be managed in a compatible, productive manner. Resources to be specifically discussed include:

The Timber Resource
Wildlife Habitat
Watersheds
Livestock Forage

"Gus" Hormay, father of the Rest-Rotation System of grazing management, is a foremost authority on balanced resource management. His more than 40 years of intensive practical research in the fields of forest management, coupled with his unusual ability to explain the subject matter, makes Gus one of the most effective teachers in the resource field.

Registration will commence at 8 o'clock a.m. June 6, with the program starting at 9 o'clock a.m. each morning. The third day (June 8) will be spent in the field demonstration area north of Coeur d'Alene where the practical application of Wildland Management Principles will be discussed.

The Kootenai County Cowbelles will provide some excellent cuisine for lunch. Meals will be on a "no-host" basis.

Organizations cooperating in the planning of this meeting include the Kootenai County Stockmen's Association, Harris Ridge Cattlemen's Association, Kootenai County Cowbelles, Inland Empire Paper Company, Benewah County Soil & Water Conservation District, Idaho County Soil & Water Conservation District, Kootenai, Benewah, Clearwater, Idaho, Bonner, Boundary, Latah and Nez Perce
County Agents, Bureau of Land Management, U. S. Forest Service, Idaho Fish & Game Department, and others.

The program will be equally valuable and intriguing to ranchers, forest managers, wildlife managers, sportsmen, governmental resource managers, and anyone concerned with the enhancement of our natural resources.

Please plan to attend. Everyone is invited. There is no charge for the course; only a small fee to cover cost of the facilities will be assessed.

I suggest you make arrangements for lodging as soon as possible. Coeur d'Alene is a popular summer spot with the larger motels filled most of the season. However, plenty of rooms are available at the smaller, independent motels.

See you at the North Shore June 6.

Yours truly,

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS

[Signature]

GORDON C. TROMBLEY
Commissioner

GCT:fb
To: Area Supervisors, Division Chief, Forest Management, Branch Chief Forest Management Planning, Branch Chief Private Forestry, Woodland Foresters.

From: Commissioner

Subj: Personnel directed to attend course on Wildland Management - June 6, 7 & 8 Coeur d'Alene.

Attached is a form letter containing pertinent data regarding the Wildland Management school to be conducted by A.L. "Gus" Horman. This seminar should provide a better understanding of the interworking of the various resources which this department administers.

Limited travel funds do not allow all IDFL personnel to be present. However, all personnel attending should be prepared to instruct those who cannot attend upon their return to their home base.

Those attending from Pend Oreille Lake, St. Joe Areas and Coeur d'Alene Staff will not be allowed travel money for lodging and should plan to commute. Costs of the noon meal, registration and transportation June 8 will be allowed.

The following have been assigned to attend:

1. Coeur d'Alene Staff and Woodland Forester
   - Division Chief, Forest Management - Don Jones
   - Branch Chief, Private Forestry - Dewey Almas
   - Branch Chief, Forest Management Planning - Mark Weadick
   - Woodland Forester - Jim Malcolm

2. Priest Lake Area:
   - Area Supervisor - Dick Reid
   - Asst. Area Supervisor, FM - Pete Waisanan
   - Senior Forester - Mike Diehl

3. Pend Oreille Lake Area:
   - Area Supervisor - Mike Reeb
   - Asst. Area Supervisor, FM - Bill Petzak
   - One Forester - Area Supervisor's choice
   - Woodland Forester - Rex Johnson
4. St. Joe Area:

Area Supervisor - Walt Clark
Asst. Area Supervisor, FM - Dean Johnson
Two Foresters - Area Supervisor's choice

5. Clearwater Area:

Area Supervisor - Luke Aldrich
Asst. Area Supervisor, FM - Don Stockton
Senior Range Manager - Bob Snapp
Two Foresters - Area Supervisor's choice
Woodland Forester - Don Mchman
Woodland Forester - Frank Schoeffler

6. Payette Lakes Area:

Area Supervisor - Bob Coates
Forester - John Parker

7. Southwestern Idaho Area:

Area Supervisor - Al Atkinson
Asst. Area Supervisor, FM - Dick Horn
Asst. Area Supervisor, RM - Don Hobbs

8. Commissioner's office:

Assistant Commissioner, F & F - Jack Gillette
Division Chief, Range Management - Dave Tidwell

Area Supervisors St. Joe and Clearwater may select two senior foresters or foresters and Area Supervisors Priest Lake and Pend Oreille Lake one Senior forester or forester to attend. These selections may not include personnel funded by forest improvement funds (266).

Division Chief, Range Management has reserved motel accommodations in Coeur d'Alene for all department personnel for the nights of June 5, 6, 7 and 8. Area Supervisors will be contacted regarding accommodations.

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cc: Asst. Commissioner F&F
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May 19, 1972

Gentlemen:

It appears the best route for you guys flying in from the east is to make connections through Salt Lake City via. Portland to Klamath Falls, arriving at 5:30 P.M. May 30th. Will figure on Ernie, Mel, Sheridan and Bill coming in that way, and arrange to pick you guys up at Klamath for the 95 mile jaunt to Lakeview that evening; unless I hear from you otherwise.

All reservations are made at the Lakeview Lodge Motel, single rooms each. If you wish to double up let me know.

Flights out of Klamath Friday June 2nd. are:

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Field trip Friday can be arranged to allow you to make San Francisco flight, if home bound schedule requires you to go that route.

Will figure on the rest of you driving in unless I hear otherwise.

Climate has been quite dry since March, so anything moisture wise you can bring with you would be appreciated.

Recommended evening dining places are: Plush West (uptown) and Hunters Lodge (north of town); breakfast at AA Coffee Shop (two blocks north of Motel). Lunch Wednesday will be furnished by Range Users.

Have a good trip.

Sincerely yours,

A. K. Majorowicz  
Office Phone 947-2177  
Home 947-2854
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Range Conservationist

Enclosure

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Duane Nelson, Area Manager, Ely District Office, BLM
Keith S. Rudd, Idaho Dept. Fish & Game, Boise, Idaho
Ernest D. Most, Grand Junction District Office, BLM
Bitterbrush and Pine Seed Plantings, Spring 1972
(Requested by A. L. Hornay)

Hand planting

1. Date of planting ______________________

2. Soil moisture (at planting depth) at time of planting. Wet, Moist, Dry (circle one)

3. Initial germination

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Date of germination record ________________

4. Evidence that rodents mined out and ate some of the seed

Bitterbrush Yes No (circle one)

Pine Yes No (circle one)

1/ Spot germinated if one or more seeds germinated

Drill planting - Bitterbrush

Date of planting ______________________

Soil moisture (at planting depth) at time of planting. Wet, Moist, Dry (circle one)

Germination. None, Light, Moderate, Heavy (circle one)
P. O. Box 245
Berkeley, Ca. 94701

April 11, 1972

Memorandum

To: Gene L. Schloemer, Idaho Falls District, BLM

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

Subject: Bitterbrush and pine seeds

I hope you can plant some seeds for me on the Junipers Burn this spring as we discussed at the Range Society Meeting in February.

I am taking the liberty of sending you three lots of treated seed today, two of bitterbrush and one of ponderosa pine. The seed should germinate promptly this spring under favorable conditions of moisture and temperature.

I have a limited supply of the bitterbrush seed marked SDR #1 Pt and the pine Fp-Pl. I am sending you enough for only one hand-planted plot. The larger supply of bitterbrush seed is for drilling. In this case too, there is only enough seed for a plot or two. I hope you can put in the hand planting at least.

Planting procedures are outlined on the attached sheets. Also attached are a supply of forms for recording results.

I would like to have information on germination and survival for the first 2 years. Two examinations of the plots a year would be desirable, one after germination about mid-July, and the second in the fall in October or November. This sounds like a lot of work, but should not take more than 1 hour per examination.

Thanks for your interest and cooperation.

Enclosures

Under separate cover: Seeds
Mr. Keith S. Rudd  
Idaho Department of Fish & Game  
Boise, Idaho  

Dear Keith:

Thanks a lot for the bitterbrush seed. I have treated some of it by a special process for quick germination. I am interested in the effectiveness of the treatment, and would like to solicit your help in checking it out with a few small scale plantings this spring. I have treated some ponderosa pine seed as well.

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Range Conservationist

Enclosures  
Under separate cover: Seeds
Mr. Kenneth Conrad  
California Department of Fish & Game  
Wendel, California  

Dear Ken:

I have about completed my germination studies with bitterbrush seed. I greatly appreciate the seed you sent me in 1970. I have developed a treatment for promoting quick germination of the seed. I would like to solicit your help in checking out the effectiveness of treatment by means of a few small-scale plantings this spring. I have used the treatment on ponderosa pine seed as well.

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Range Conservationist

Enclosures

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P.S. - I could use another 5 pounds of freshly collected (last 3 years) "High quality" bitterbrush fruit.
Memorandum

To: Duane Nelson, Area Manager, Ely District, BLM

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

Subject: Bitterbrush and pine seeds

I hope you can find time to plant more seeds for me this spring. I do not mean to draw you into a continuing program. This is the last request.

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P.S. - I hope you can find time to re-examine last year's planting.
Planting Procedures - bitterbrush and pine

General

Plant on a bitterbrush site.
Plant as soon as possible after snow leaves the ground while soil moisture is high.
Plant on an unprepared site.
Plant on an area grazed moderately or heavily by livestock (cattle preferably) or by big game (deer).
Plant all seeds about 3/4 inch deep.

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Stretch a tape on the ground to establish the transect.
Stake the ends of the transect and intermediate points if needed.
Cut a 1-inch deep furrow along side the tape to receive the seed.
Plant bitterbrush and pine alternately in spots at 2-foot intervals along the transect -- bitterbrush at the 2, 6, 10, etc. feet points and pine at the 4, 8, 12, etc. feet points.
Plant two seeds of each species in each spot.
Put soil back into the furrow and pack firmly over the seeds.

Drill planting

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<td>One drill width wide and as long as seed lasts</td>
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Drill across as many different sites as possible.
Press soil firmly over the seeds.
Mark the center line and ends of the transect with stakes.
United States Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
STATE OFFICE
2800 Cottage Way - Room E-2841
Sacramento, California 95825

MAY 19 1972

Memorandum

To: Gus Hormay

From: State Director, California

Subject: Range Workshop Meeting - Sacramento, California

Gus:

Attached is an Agenda for the California Range Workshop Meeting to be held in Sacramento on July 19, 20 and 21, 1972.

The session will be held in the Comstock Room of the Sacramento Inn which is located adjacent to the Sears-Arden Fair Shopping Center.

During the afternoon of the first day we have placed you on the Agenda for approximately an hour and a half under the subject of Rest Rotation Management. Under this subject we request that you take time to review progress in rest-rotation management in other states, the advantages of rest-rotation as a grazing system, some of the high-lights in your recent work with BLM and a review of your training program, particularly the training of selected BLM personnel to expand upon your work.

I hope you will be able to participate as requested and feel free to attend any or all of the session as you see fit.

We plan to have a carousel projector and screen plus an overhead projector and flip chart available for use during the meeting. Please contact the State Office, Division of Resources if any additional facilities are needed.

If you desire overnight accommodations at the Sacramento Inn a Reservation Blank is attached. For best results the blank should be submitted at least two weeks in advance.

Attachment
   Agenda
   Room Reservation
AGENDA - RANGE WORKSHOP MEETING
Sacramento, July 19 - 21, 1972

WEDNESDAY, July 19

8:30 - 8:45 Welcome, Introductions
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State Director

8:45 - 9:00 Workshop Objectives
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Wilkes

9:00 - 9:45 Current Range Management Highlights
- Wild Horse and Burro Developments,
- Regulations and Problems Pending Legislation
- Automated Billing Procedures
- Chemical Toxicants and Regulations Proposed Grazing Regulations
(Sec. 3 and 15)

Break

10:05 - 10:45 Continuation of Range Highlights
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State Director

10:45 - 11:45 California Highlights
- California Desert, Kings Range, Other

LUNCH

1:00 - 1:15 Report from the Portland Service Center
Report from the Portland Service Center
Morgan

1:15 - 1:45 Professionalism in Range Management
Professionalism in Range Management
Dr. Kinsinger
Pres. Society for Range Management

1:45 - 2:45 Rest Rotation Management
- Progress, Advantages, Highlights, Training

Break

3:05 - 3:30 Rest Rotation Continued

3:30 - 5:00 Trends in Range Management Curricula and Research as Related to Environmental Considerations

THURSDAY, July 20

8:00 - 9:30 Mediterranean Annual Type
- History, Range, Characteristics, Management

Break

9:50 - 10:30 Medusahead, Problems and Management
- Boise Research Project
- Results South Tablelands Allotment and Plans for Hayden Hill Planning Unit

10:30 - 11:00 Desert Needlegrass
- Comeback in the Mojave

11:00 - 11:45 Hardings Grass
- Problems and Management

LUNCH

Morgan

Bullock

Bright

Johnson

Brubaker
THURSDAY, July 20, (Cont'd)

1:00 - 2:15 Environmental Considerations in Range Analysis and Statements
       Planning and Programs                                      Netzger
                                                            Clifford

2:15 - 2:45 Economic Analysis of AMP's                       Frandsen

BREAK

3:05 - 4:00 Range Management Impacts on the Aquatic Environment
       Stream Surveys - Need, Purpose, Techniques Kent
       Water Quality - Need and Techniques                       Porter
                                                            Rice

4:00 - 5:00 Aesthetics in Range Development                 Tocher
                                                            Bibles
                                                            Porter

FRIDAY, July 21

8:00 - 9:00 Public Relations in Range Management
       Other Publics                                          Wilbur
                                                            Harrell

9:00 - 9:30 Water Rights on Public Lands in California      Dimock

BREAK

9:50 - 10:30 Wells Meadow AMP - Description and Results     Boyer

10:30 - 11:00 A Desert AMP - Southcott Case                 Stewart

11:00 - 11:30 Massacre AMP - Description, Results          Brewer

LUNCH

12:45 - 1:15 Developments and Problems in AMP Evaluation Dr. Kinsinger
       Director's Office
       Kinsinger
       Morgan
       Wilkes
       Rice

1:15 - 2:45 Panel Review District Questions

BREAK

3:10 - 3:30 35 Years Range Management in BLM Retrospect      Dimock
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Enclosure
May 26, 1972

A. L. Hormay  
United States Department of  
the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management  
P. O. Box 245  
Berkeley, California  94701

Dear Gus:

Sorry to keep you waiting on some feed back.

We did do the hand planting as you requested. We could not find a drill for our use and were unable to put in the drill plot.

We picked a spot near the Paine Spring Bitterbrush study exclosures which appeared ideal in all respects except moisture. We had a warm spell in late February and early March which took the snow except for high mountainous country.

When we put in the plots the soil was moist in sheltered areas and dry in the interspaces. I went ahead with the planting hoping we would get some good spring moisture. As it turned out we got a lot of dry windy weather and one small storm not enough to help.

I still have the seed for the drill plot and would like to plant it next year when the ground is still wet. Let us know if you would prefer it sent back.

I read the plots you put in a year ago and have included the results.

The live plants wintered fairly well and it looks like a few new seedlings germinated.

Sincerely yours,

Dwain Nelson  
Area Manager  
Currant Resource Area

Enclosures
INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMO  [STATE OF IDAHO, FISH & GAME DEPT.]  DATE: 5/30/72

FROM:  K.S. Rudd  TO:  A.L. Hormay
SUBJECT:  Requested Info  CC:

_Dear Bob:_

We were able to plant your bitterbrush and pine seed on April 20th under favorable conditions — when we examined the plantings on 5/10/72 it appeared rodents were taking the seed as fast as it germinated. Our examination on 5/29/72 showed very little success in getting any plants to grow —

we made additional plantings of bitterbrush seed on 4/29/72 that we treated with repellent which so far has limited rodent damage —

Looking forward to seeing you June 13th —  Regards  
Keith S. Rudd