To: Persons on Attached List

We are planning to spend a couple of days in the field looking at the Nichols Coulee rest rotation allotment and would like to have you or a representative come along.

We are leaving Lewistown at 10:00 a.m. on May 21 and proceeding to Nichols Coulee in time to look around some that afternoon. The night of the 21st and 22nd will be spent at Camp Charlie near Slippery Ann and we should finish up by noon on May 23. For those of you who are coming from the north or east, it may be convenient to meet you at Manning Corral at 2:00 p.m. on the 21st.

We will make arrangements for food and the bill can be divided up at the end. You will need to bring a sleeping bag and personal gear. Transportation between Lewistown and Slippery Ann and while we are in the field will be provided by CMR.

What we would like to accomplish is get a better "feel" for the allotment, problems, possible solutions, etc. for those people or agencies that will be heavily involved in modifying the existing management plan.

As you recall, we want to work intensively this fall and winter so that proposed changes could start being implemented in the 1981 grazing season. This trip will be a step in that direction.

To accomplish the most, we would like to keep the group as small as possible, around 10 to 12 if we can. Joe Egan of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks has arranged for Gus Horey to be with us, so we will have further benefit of his expertise.

If you have any questions or comments about attendance or arrangements, please contact Mike Hedrick or myself.

Sincerely,

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