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IHX for all the literature received.

I've been really difficult requests this time, but I do hope to find this video for over 3 months.

Information:
Approximately 10 years ago, August L. Hoffman (USGS) presented a program to BLM on restoration grazing. The video was done by the Denver Service Center (no copies in existence). It reviewed by USGS. The program was done in Albuquerque, NM. I would really like to see it (find it.)

I spoke with Gus recently and he said it must be in the Denver Library. Can you help me?

Thank you.

U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
June 12, 1991

Dear Mr. Hormay,

It was a pleasure and an honor for me to meet and talk with you in Belle Fourche last Thursday. I guess it was kind of like meeting the Gifford Pinchot of the BLM.

I've enclosed a copy of the article we wrote for the Belle Fourche paper. It was published the following Saturday.

There's a good chance we make ask your advice again when we get a chance to write something for SRM.

Thanks again,

Dave Wester

Assistant Director, External Affairs
406-255-2913
Ranchers from both coasts come to tour range projects in county.

About 25 ranchers and range managers from as far away as California, Nevada, and Washington, D.C., toured northern Butte County Thursday, June 6. They examined range projects many of them helped to plan more than 20 years ago. The tour was organized by the Bureau of Land Management's Belle Fourche Office with the help of area rancher Jim Johnson.

In the late 1960s, the BLM worked with the Crago family and members of the Moreau Grazing Association to develop allotment management plans. An allotment is an area of public and private land that is managed for many uses. The plans were developed to improve forage for livestock, to reduce erosion, and to improve wildlife habitat. The Crago and Moreau plans were among the first allotment management plans in the nation.

Mike Penfold, BLM assistant director in Washington, D.C., complimented the group for its history of cooperation and working together. "People getting together out here on the ground is what makes things happen," he said.

Rex Cleary, retired BLM range conservationist who helped develop the plans and who now lives in Nevada, said he sees a lot of improvement. "Some of the north-facing slopes were 50% bare," he said. "It gives me a lot of satisfaction to come back and see what the ranchers and BLM have done." Following his career with BLM, Cleary served as president of the Society for Range Management.

Vince Crago, who also helped develop the plans and whose family has been ranching in the area for 103 years, explained that the barest areas were because, in part, of three years of drought in the early 60s.

Guy Horman, the California researcher who devised the grazing systems that were used when the plans were developed, pointed out that some people believed that reducing the number of livestock would improve the vegetation. "Simply reducing the livestock won't do it," he said. "You have to give the plants a rest. You have to allow them some time to make and store food."

Horman's grazing system allowed some areas to be grazed and others to be rested each year. Horman became one of the most respected range researchers in the nation with his work on grazing systems.

Agreements between the ranchers and BLM on how to graze the land didn't always come easy. "We had some lively discussions," said Bill Range.

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McIlvain, who managed the Belle Fourche BLM office from 1974 to 1987, "but one thing I appreciated about this group is that they weren't afraid to try new things."

Crago put it another way. "The old-time guys didn't like to take orders from anybody," he said, "but people saw the benefits of rotation and accepted it."

Johnson drew a chuckle from the crowd when he said with a smile, "The overall relationship with BLM has been interesting and a lot of fun, but it hasn't always been smooth."

Johnson and his wife Joan provided lunch for the group, and he expressed his feelings about the people who returned to Butte County for the tour. "I'm happy that BLM people that once worked here came back to the area because they have an interest in it," he said.

At the last stop of the day, Johnson concluded that there may be an even more compelling reason to take care of the land in the future than there had been in the past. "If we're going to keep using these public lands, we're going to have to show the public that we're taking care of them," he said.
June 22  Susanville, California
8:00 P.M. Sam Dunlap Range  R-5 Office
          Purpose of workshop. Work and field tour schedule.

Rest-rotation grazing principles
Ecology of range condition, deterioration and improvement
Slides of stops on the field tour of Harvey Valley June 23

June 23  Harvey Valley Field Tour
          (Gus Hormay, tour guide)

8:00 A.M. Leave for Harvey Valley by bus

Enroute
Stop 1  Ecology range condition, Bridge Creek
Stop 2  Ecology range condition, Gray Valley

10:00 A.M. Arrive Harvey Valley
Stop 1  Response of sagebrush site to protection from grazing and to rest-rotation grazing
Stop 2  Response of sagebrush site to spraying and rest-rotation grazing
Stop 3  Effect of inadequate rest from use on plant composition
Stop 4  Merits of artificial seeding and spraying?

12:00 noon  Lunch

1:00 P.M.
Stop 5  Range condition and rate of range improvement
Stop 6  Results with artificial seeding
Stop 7  Erosion control with rest-rotation grazing
Stop 8  Natural revegetation around a stock pond
Stop 9  Secondary plant succession on a sheep bedground

4:00 P.M  Return to Susanville via Harvey Valley Pasture 3 and Lower Pine Creek Allotment
June 25, 1991
Rt 1, Box 2004
Miles City, MT 59301

Gus Hormay
101 Acadia Street
San Francisco, CA 94131

Dear Gus:

The local BLM office contacted me and are initiating the negotiations with landowner Rob Ruekauf, cousin to Lon, to develop a rest rotation grazing system. The system will consider all lands, not just BLM lands. Mr. Ruekauf is most encouraged and the area ranger for the BLM was quoted as saying, "If the landowner claims favor to rest rotation, and it's good for wildlife, who am I to oppose it."

Our first meeting is July with the landowner and we will keep you posted.

Keep up the good work, somebody is listening.

Further, if you could please bill us prior to July 1, even if you haven't done the work yet we would appreciate it.

Thanks Gus.

Sincerely,

Neil S. Martin
Regional Wildlife Manager
June 28, 1991

A. L. Hormay  
101 Acadia St.  
San Francisco, CA 94131

Dear Gus:

I'm writing to find out if you still plan on coming to southwestern Montana in July, and verify what you would like to accomplish when you are here. As I mentioned in our May 21 letter, we would be glad to take you through the Sage Creek Allotment and assist you in replicating your photo points. Also, we are interested in your views on the effectiveness of past management in Sage Creek.

Other meetings and commitments for July are being scheduled as time goes on, and I'm concerned that key staff members may not be available when you visit us. I would like to hear from you next week so we can make appropriate plans and coordinate with Matador Ranch.

Please call me or Russ Riebe at 406-683-2337, or write to confirm a date that you will be in Dillon. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks!

Sincerely,

Jim Lewis  
Area Manager

Dean O. Bolstad  
Acting Area Manager

cc: DM, Butte