Hi Gus

A recent article in the Montana Standard by the U.S. Forest Service. This is another good example how the principles of rest-rotation grazing are "bastardized" by Federal agencies.

Note: "This form of rest-rotation grazing . . . ."

Hope all is well and book coming along.

Best regards,

Jack

cc: Mike Frisina
    Joe Egan
    Reg Market
New Big Hole grazing strategies adopted

WISDOM — The strategies for grazing cattle in two Beaverhead National Forest allotments northwest of Wisdom will now include a year of rest and special efforts to restore streams, under a plan approved by the Forest Service.

“We really appreciate the efforts of the ranchers to improve the management of the these allotments,” said Dennis Havig, the Beaverhead National Forest ranger in Wisdom. He said Terry Bucher, whose cattle graze in the Clam Valley allotment, and Monte Clemow, whose cattle graze in the Tie and Johnson Creek allotments, both participated in an innovative approach to grazing management that started over a year ago.

The same number of cattle (168 cows with calves in Clam Valley and 188 in Tie/Johnson creeks) will graze each allotment, but under a shortened season. Also, cattle won’t graze all every third year.

“This form of ‘rest-rotation’ grazing will help improve the resource,” Havig said.

During the first year, in Clam Valley, cattle will graze from mid-July to the end of August, moving across the allotment in a south to north direction. In the second year, cattle will graze for 45 days from early August to mid-September, moving across the allotment in a north to south direction. There will be no cattle grazing during the third year.

In the fourth year, the cycle will begin again, Havig said. The Tie/Johnson Creek allotment would follow a similar program, but under a 60 day season.

“Riparian guidelines,” now being used by the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, would also go into effect on the allotments. They call for moving cattle from a pasture when more than 23 percent of stream banks is altered by hooves.

“The ranchers helped us develop this system and I think it will work,” Havig said. “It’s simple, will lead to improving the streams in the area, and for them is still economically viable.”
Will & Vanqie Ingram
HC 61, Box 3020
Challis, Idaho 83226

January 13, 1974

Dear Will & Vanqie,

I enjoyed visiting with you a week ago on Friday. Hope you got home in good shape.

About the Hard Creek Allotment. The prime need is to restore the plant cover. It is the basis for the production of all renewable resources, livestock, wildlife, water, aesthetics, recreation and the others. Unfortunately the vegetation has been heavily deteriorated by past continuous grazing. Desirable plants have been killed out and replaced by less desirable and less productive ones. Most serious, the plant cover has been thinned resulting in soil erosion and loss of land production capacity. The yield and quality of all renewable resources have been greatly reduced.

The vegetation can be restored with rest-rotation grazing however. Significant improvement in vegetation cover on the allotment has been obtained with rest-rotation grazing.
in a short period of only 11 years as of 1987. Rest-rotation grazing was started in 1977. I am sending you a few slides in this mailing showing the improvement in vegetation and soil conditions that have occurred to 1987. Further improvement has occurred to date without question. It is all the result of timely resting of the range from use. See the enclosed slides and descriptive notes. I suggest you make 8" x 10" color enlargements of the slides like the one enclosed so you can clearly see the vegetation and soil changes that have occurred.

About the proposed fencing of Lake Creek in State School Section 16, I would like to see stretches of the Creek fenced and others left unfenced so results with no grazing could be compared with results with rest-rotation grazing. Lake Creek runs 1 mile across section 16. A fencing scheme like the one diagrammed below would allow stock access to water and provide several points of comparison.
I hope things work out well for you. I plan to take photographs on the allotment this summer. Will be in touch with you.

Sincerely

[Signature]
Dear Dus,

Sorry the delay in getting this in the post office. I was able to get a tape recording of the Idaho State Land Board meeting where we used the pictures. I will get the portions of the meeting where people who were testifying spoke of you. There are many people here in Idaho who are anxiously awaiting your book or publication.

Call us when you can make it back this summer and we will meet the airplane if you fly. We can loan you a vehicle.

Many, many thanks for the slides. They were the single most important piece of evidence which allowed us
to keep the state lease. This will set a precedent for future conflict applications for state leases.

We now have the endangered species of salmon. We are being told that the Endangered Species Act takes precedent over all other laws.

We're anxious to get back out on Hard Creek & Snake Creek to retake the photos in case you don't get up to Idaho this summer.

Sincerely,

Will & Annie Ingram & all the family
Hi Gus,

For your information I will forward the book mentioned - "THE RANGE" next week.

Glad to know you are working on your book.

Note the news article on Babbit suggests lands (rangeland) in States.

Joe Egan phoned and wants to be nominated - I will get on it.

A letter from you to the Governor would be very helpful.

Trx Jack
Mr. A. L. Hormay  
101 Acadia St.  
San Francisco, Calif. 94131

Dear Gus,

Greetings and best wishes.

Secretary of the Interior Babbitt indicates he will establish MULTIPLE RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCILS to provide, among other things, recommendations for grazing fees and range management practices on the public lands.

State Governors are to provide the Secretary a list of nominees from which council members are selected. These advisory councils are to have all interests in the public lands represented (e.g., livestock folks, hikers, environmentalists, sportsmen and women, wildlifers, loggers, bikers etc.).

I want to be on Montana's council and need your help in order to accomplish that. Will you contact Governor Racicot asking that I be one of the nominees on his list. Also, will you contact the Secretary of the interior requesting that he appoint me to his Multiple Resource Advisory Council for Montana.

A. L. Hormay states in his 1970 publication, PRINCIPLES OF REST-ROTATION GRAZING AND MULTIPLE-USE LAND MANAGEMENT, that "Under rest-rotation grazing management, all plants---forbs, grasses, shrubs and trees---are provided opportunity to grow and reproduce. So wildlife, recreation, watershed and timber, as well as livestock interests, are served. I promote rest-rotation grazing.

I will genuinely appreciate any efforts you make to get me on the Governor's list of nominees and appointed to Interior's Multiple Resource Advisory Council for Montana.

Best regards,

Joseph L. Egan

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Bob Gilbert  
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EXPERIENCE

Consultant (Jul/87 - Present)
Vegetation Management; Helena, MT
Established a vegetation management consultant business to design and implement rest-rotation livestock grazing systems.

Bureau Chief (Apr/79 - Jul/87)
MT Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks; Helena, MT
Continued Ass't Chief duties and was largely responsible for implementing the use of livestock under Rest-Rotation grazing to rehabilitate and manage the vegetation component of wildlife habitat on Wildlife Management Area's. (WMA's). Retired from Fish, Wildlife and Parks 7-31-1987.

Assistant Chief (Jun/70 - Apr/79)
MT Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks; Helena, MT
Responsible for input into the designing of and conduct of state-wide wildlife management programs, including periodic reviews of and with personnel responsible for implementation /conduct of these programs. I designed, implemented and conducted the Statewide Wildlife Harvest Surveys.

Regional Game Manager (Dec/63 - Jun/70)
MT Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks; Bozeman, MT
Responsible for wildlife management programs conducted by regional biologists; supervised their activities along with providing the annual merit rating for each of them.

Regional Game Manager (Jan/58 - Dec/63)
MT Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks; Miles City, MT
Responsible for wildlife management programs conducted by regional biologists; supervised their activities, along with providing the annual merit rating for each of them.

Wildlife Biologist (Jun/52 - Aug/56)
MT Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks; Miles City, MT
Responsible for collection, analysis and presentation of biological data on a variety of wildlife species and their habitats. These data provided a basis for the management of deer, antelope, upland birds, fur bearers, waterfowl and a few non-game species. Data was also used in establishing hunting and trapping seasons in the region.

EDUCATION
M.S. Wildlife Management. Dec 1957 M.S.U., Bozeman, MT
B.S. Wildlife Management. Jun 1952 M.S.U., Bozeman, MT

MILITARY SERVICE
United States Army, Jun/45 to Nov/46, Honorable Discharge.
REFERENCES PROVIDED UPON REQUEST