

Attachment 3

Moencopi Village

Stock Operators and Range

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Through the cooperation of Mr. Dickerson, principal of the Moencopi Day School; Mr. O'Neil, Unit Stockman; and Roger Honani, a stockman of the village, material was placed at the disposal of the Section of Conservation Economics for an attempted reconstruction of former Moencopi ranges.

Sheep bands were, until twenty years ago, ranged north from the village, following the scarp of the Moencopi Plateau, to Willow Springs. *(see map)*

Sheep were also ranged through Pasture Canyon to the well at the upper end of the canyon. At the present time two bands attempt to use range in this area, but report that Navajos living nearby have exerted pressure against Hopi grazing use. The two operators from Moencopi are Big Phillip and Puhugnovia.

About twelve to fifteen years ago, Hopis, led by Roger Honani, assert that they developed a series of charcos in the vicinity of the Coal Mine. The Hopis did not build houses or attempt to live near the waters and as a result Navajos moved in and built hogans near the tanks. The Navajo groups are probably Schedules #124, 125, 126, 127, 128, and 129. The Hopis also claim that Schedules #163, 164, and 165 have moved into the area, formerly ranged by the Hopi, not more than ten years ago.

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At the present time the stockmen of Moencopi are operating about 3,000 sheep units. This use is confined to the area colored yellow on the attached map. Some six Navajo groups headed by Goldtooth, George Bancroft, Belone and Tohanih Begay live in and operate stock on the Hopi range year-long.

At the present time, due to drought conditions, eight other Navajo groups from the vicinity of Grey Mountain have moved in to use the waters of the Moencopi Wash, Windmills #3A-149 and #3A-150, and the springs along the western scarp of the Moencopi Plateau, numbered 3A-17, 3A-23, 3A-24, 3A-25, and 3A-26.

The sheep men keep their stock close to the Moencopi Wash except periods of the year when the range south of the village is in good shape and water plentiful.

The cattlemen range their stock south from the village to the Buck Pasture fence, west to the western edge of the Moencopi Plateau, and east to the line indicated in red on the map. One man, Henry Dallas, is reported to drift his cattle west of the rim of the plateau, but this report could not be confirmed, due to the absence of the operator from the village.

There do not seem to be many outstanding complaints between the Hopis and Navajos except those already cited.

Cattle operators do complain, however, that insufficient water is piped to them from the windmills located inside of the Buck Pasture.

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