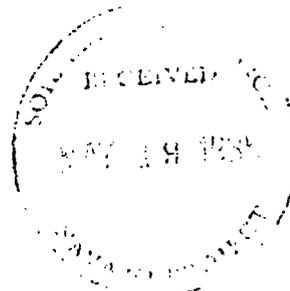


UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AGRICULTURE
SOIL EROSION SERVICE

Ganado, Arizona.
May 16, 1935.



Mr. F. D. Matthews
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Matthews:

We are in a position to begin the construction of a camp at the Steamboat Area so would like to know what is your policy regarding same. Do you intend to use portable houses, summer tents or rock houses? Please let me know what your policy is and any instructions you may have from which we can work out plans and submit to you.

I might add while I'm on this subject that I should like very much to keep everything ahead of us on the Steamboat area. Before planning any treatment program I think we should have the reports of the other departments concerned. These reports should come from the Soils Department, the Agronomy Department, the Forestry and Range Management Departments and the geologist. I should think each of these should give us a report in which they keep in mind the idea that the area is to be treated and give us definite suggestions as to what way their findings should influence or determine the type and method of treatment. You can see very well that any report these Departments give after our plans are made and in operation will not aid in physically treating the area. I am very reluctant to make any plans until we have their findings presented to us with their comments regarding suggested treatment to fit in with their findings. After that we can then have the benefit of their studies in making our plans for treatment. This is something we have seldom had in any of our previous plans.

May I hear from you on this policy?

Very truly yours,

Arthur Fife, Division Engineer,
Ganado, Arizona.

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