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2210 Analysis and Plans, Deer Creek Allotment
2230 Permits, Hamilton, William I.

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Permittee Meeting, Allotment Management

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Bill Hamilton, permittee on the Deer Creek Allotment met with Jack McCombs and me today to discuss management of the allotment.

Jack reports there has been approximately 6 inches of rainfall at Power's Garden during the past three weeks. Jack and Cotton Gatlin have been working out of Power's Garden while completing the range analysis on the west side of the allotment. Water in Rattlesnake Canyon was three feet deep on October 20th following heavy rains on the 19th. The fences across the canyon at Power's Garden are all in need of repair.

Mr. Hamilton asked if we had any steel posts available for his use in maintaining power's Garden fences. I said I thought I could spare 25 posts at this time. Bill stated he plans to submit a request for assistance on several range improvement maintenance and construction projects for FY 1974.

We discussed the maintenance of the Rattlesnake Spring and the replacement of the pipeline from the spring to Power's Garden. I informed Bill that we have 1,000 feet of 2" plastic pipe, with fittings, on hand. He plans to store this plastic pipe at his Deer Creek headquarters until he gets an opportunity to either pack or fly it into Power's Garden.

Bill stated he has been shipping some calves and working his cattle at Deer Creek. Presently the locations and numbers of his cattle are: Back country-approximately 70 head; Upper Sycamore-40 head; Deer Creek area-approximately 60 head. Plans for the winter are to place cattle as follows:

- 15 late calving cows - South Headquarters Pasture
- 20 bulls - Lower Oak Creek
- 30 cows - Head of Horse Canyon
- 40 cows - Sycamore (should be distributed over Upper and Lower Sycamore and Senora Basin)
- 70 cows - Back Country (will be divided over Corral, Rattlesnake, Kielberg, Field, Mailbox and Pipestem Canyons)

Mr. Hamilton expressed his desire to save the Mud Spring, South Oak and Front Pastures for use only when it is necessary to hold cattle during periods of branding and shipping. Jack McCombs commented that as a result of the summer and fall rest and good rainfall, the Mud Spring and South Oak Pastures look better than they have for 4 or 5 years.

Salt is presently being placed over the allotment. Bill said he is moving most of the salt away from the old salt grounds to locations off the trail. However, he would like to continue salting in some of the corrals.

We briefly discussed the range analysis work which Jack is presently completing. I suggested that Bill try to spend a day with Jack in order that he might be familiar with and understand our procedures and objectives in determining range condition and trends. Bill expressed interest in this work and said he would try and meet with Jack.

We discussed the problem of "rockhounds" driving "cross country" over the northeast corner of the Deer Creek Allotment to gain access to State land. This travel has resulted in numerous track roads which eventually could result in rut roads. I asked Bill to notify me when a group of these people are in the area. I will contact them and request their cooperation in restricting travel to the main roads. The other alternative may be to have the Forest Supervisor issue a closure order to all off-road travel.

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