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Reply to: 2210

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Subject: Deer Creek Allotment Inspection

To: District Ranger

On April 15 - 18, 1985, Walt Friauf and I accompanied the Channel 12 Television Crew, Jerry Foster, Bryan, Nyle, Frits and Buzz, into the Powers Mine area. They were working on a television news story of the Powers Brothers and the shoot out. While there I completed a range inspection of the Rattlesnake Canyon area. I did not see any cattle in the canyon bottom, but there was cattle sign in Upper Kielberg around the dam. I counted 26 head in the Mud Springs pasture and Upper Sycamore Canyon.

The area looked good, production of forage grasses were good and most of the canyons were still running water. We've had three good years of above average rainfall, which has really improved range conditions.

While we were at the Powers Garden Administrative site, the horse pasture gate was opened and our horses returned to Deer Creek. Walt and I walked to Deer Creek and brought the horses back. Six gates between Powers Garden and Deer Creek were either opened or broken. Our horses and mules didn't receive a scratch to infer they had broken down any gates. This kind of thing has happened every time we have ridden the Deer Creek Allotment in the past four years.



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