

MEMORANDUM
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TO: JEFF

SUBJECT: SCHEDULE

I've got your letter and also the request for the range finder. I've looked for the range finder and haven't found it, but will keep looking.

I'm not sure what is going on with Brian. Last I heard he was going to go back in around the first of June and continue to work with the local sheep, picking up pellets and obtaining some locations. By the time you get this letter, you will know more than I will. I will have to discuss this situation with you in person rather than thru the mail, but hang in there and be as patient as you can, and we'll think things thru when we get together. I've got mixed feelings about charging for use of the field station. On the one hand, you need some sort of return for folks using the ranch, and yet on the other hand you want to encourage use by researchers. I was of the opinion initially that it was not a good idea to be charging for several reasons. First, IFG and USFS facilities are open to us without charge, and there is some equitability there. We use the Mormon Ranch and Little Creek, for instance. Also, there was a need to encourage Taylor Ranch use after the rather abysmal experiences some of us had earlier on, which actually discouraged its use. But now you are building its use by researchers, and you have the courses and other teaching going on, the facility is getting a lot of use, and things have changed. I think you can take some well-deserved credit for this, and now there is reason to ask for fees to cover maintenance costs. After all, we use your supplies as well as facilities which need to be maintained. So I originally urged that the present policy of charging for use be relaxed but now I think you have reason to go ahead and apply the policy a bit more stringently. Especially when the facilities are abused as you mention. Whatever you decide, I'll abide by. I like the idea of giving someone like Guy some consideration when it seems appropriate.

Okay, put Pat and me on for 22-27 July. Vegetation should be pretty well done by then, and we can get all our measurements, including the three big plots. One thing we're missing from last year was the seed stalk heights on Agsp. I think you still could get those measured if you would take a bit of time and go up on the bench west of Cliff Creek, and the top of the second bench, and get 50 plants on each site. Otherwise, I'll do it when we get in if I can separate out last years from this years'.

Irene Muller will come into Spokane on the 26th, a Sunday. I'll take her to Cascade on the 27th and have Ray fly her in. I'm too busy to stay, but will probably come in too just so I can get a chance to introduce her and to visit a bit, and then fly back on out. She will come out on the 5th or 6th, then, and I'll take her back to Riggins where she will be with Trish Heekin for the remainder. Thanx for helping out on this, I don't know why I got argued into hosting her around but I did.

I'll be in radio contact as things get close. Hang in there.

