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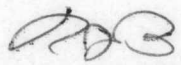
Mr. Robert Entzinger
District Ranger
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Dear Bob:

In relation to the erosion control work of this Department on the Upper Truckee River could you inform me as to the present status of grazing use on Big Meadows. What is the use now as compared to the past ten years and what do you expect in the future? Also, can you see any problems if cattle were restricted from access to certain short sections of the stream through the placement of log barriers or some other type of obstruction that would not be unsightly?

I meant to ask you about this when at your office on the 16th to discuss your Visitor Information Service program. Incidentally, our staff people are pondering your idea to include fisheries enhancement in your development at Taylor Creek and we may be able to come forth with some concrete recommendations soon.

Very truly yours,


R. D. Beland
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Dear Dick:

Please excuse the delay in answering your letter as we have been in the middle of a "crash" program.

Big Meadows is part of our High Sierra Allotment which grazes approximately 900 head of cattle on Forest Service land. It is used as a fall pasture along with the Grass Lake area. The use (number of cattle) has decreased from 1200 head to 900 head during the last 10 years and we expect it to gradually decrease to the point that grazing will be very insignificant in that area. How long this will take we don't know; however our long range plan is that by 1980 there will be little or no grazing.

In regard to restricted access of cattle to certain short sections of the stream, I cannot see any problem that would be encountered. It may be that areas of access will have to be changed every few years to prevent the cattle from causing damage to the vegetation by trampling. I feel that this could be a good management project for both the grazing and wildlife.

Sincerely yours,

R. A. Entzminger
District Ranger

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