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Dear Mr. Ferrigan,

I am writing in regards to the range improvements located within the Buffalo Valley and South Buffalo allotments (jointly referred to as the Buffalo Valley Allotment). As you are well aware, a portion of the Animal Unit Months (AUM's) for the allotment are currently in temporary suspension due to non-functioning water developments within the allotment. Approximately 88 AUM's per water development will be returned to active use as improvements are repaired to BLM standards. To date 10 of the 35 identified water developments have been inspected. The following is a discussion of the findings of those inspections.

On August 21, 2009 the following range improvements were inspected: Dailey Canyon Pipeline, Bluelead Pipeline, Saval Well #1 and Tank, Nancy Spring, McCoy Well, Bathtub Spring, Airport Well, Electric Well, Gravel Pit Spring and the Cow Creek Pipeline. Of the aforementioned improvements, the Saval Well #1 and Tank received a passing inspection and will return 88 AUM's back into Active Use beginning March 1, 2010. Airport Well, Bathtub Spring, and Electric Well will warrant AUM's to be placed back into active use if bird ladders are installed prior to March 1, 2010.

The remaining 6 range improvements did not pass inspection for the following reasons;

1. Dailey Canyon Pipeline: There is a substantial leak in trough 2 which needs to be repaired or the trough needs to be replaced. Trough 1 needs to have a bird ladder installed.
2. Bluelead Pipeline: Bird ladders need to be installed on all three troughs and trough 3 needs to be leveled.
3. Nancy Spring: A section of pipe directly below the spring enclosure needs to be buried. This section of pipe needs to be buried at its original location at the time of development. A post needs to be put next to the vent pipe below the spring enclosure, and the pile of cut willows outside the spring enclosure needs to be removed.

4. McCoy Well: The trough needs to be repaired and a bird ladder installed. The old wind mill and miscellaneous scrap lumber, wire, etc. needs to be removed.
5. Gravel Pit Spring: The trough needs to be moved back to its original location and a bird ladder installed.
6. Cow Creek Pipeline: The overflow on Trough 2 is currently plumbed into the main line. In order to receive a passing inspection the overflow needs to be re-plumbed to flow into the overflow pond.

Photographs of the above mentioned issues have been enclosed for further clarification.

Although there are some further repairs needed, significant progress has been made on repairing the water developments. Your hard work is appreciated and will be acknowledged accordingly. As requested I have enclosed a list outlining maintenance priorities of the 35 identified range improvements. From this date forward this is the list that will be referenced.

Thank you for your time and continued cooperation. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Casey Johnson, assigned Rangeland Management Specialist for these allotments at (775) 635-4059.

Sincerely,

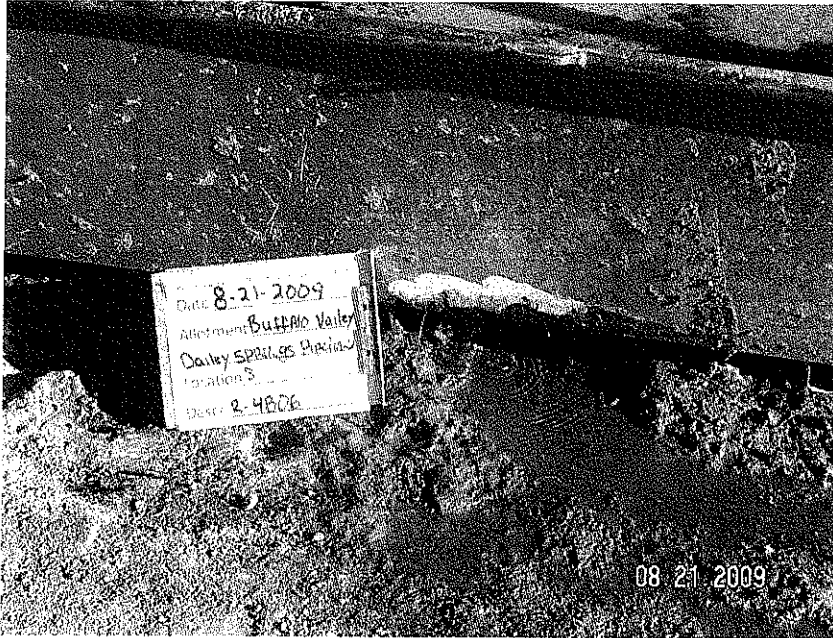
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Douglas W. Furtado
Field Manager
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Enclosure

cc: Goemmer L & L Buffalo Ranch, LLC.
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Jane Trigero
Jim Ferrigan III.

Dailey Canyon Pipe Line



Leak on Trough 2

Blue Lead Pipe Line

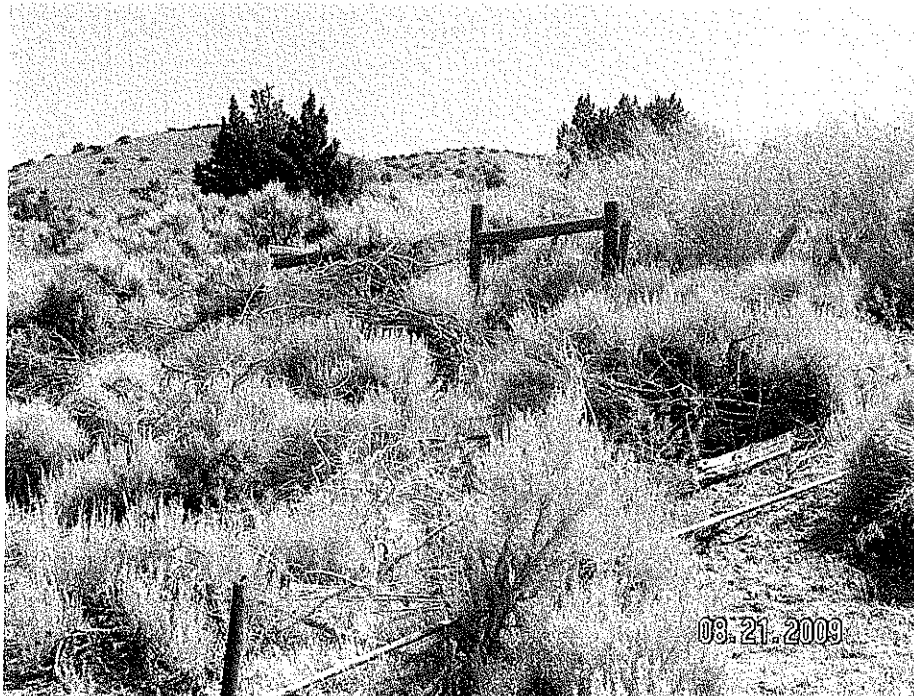


Trough 3 (needs leveled)

Nancy Spring

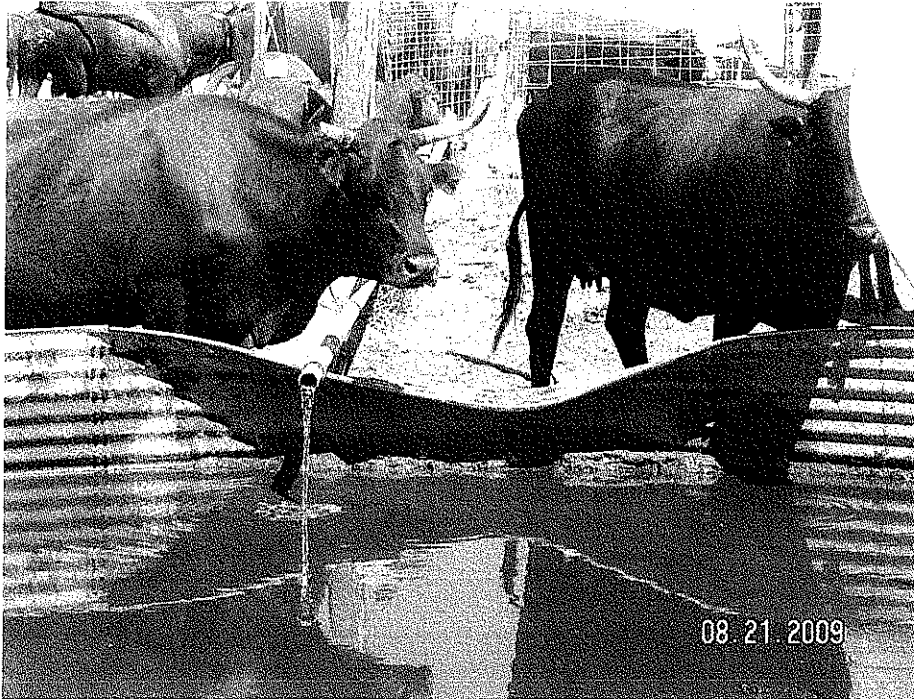


Need to bury pipe and put a post by vent pipe



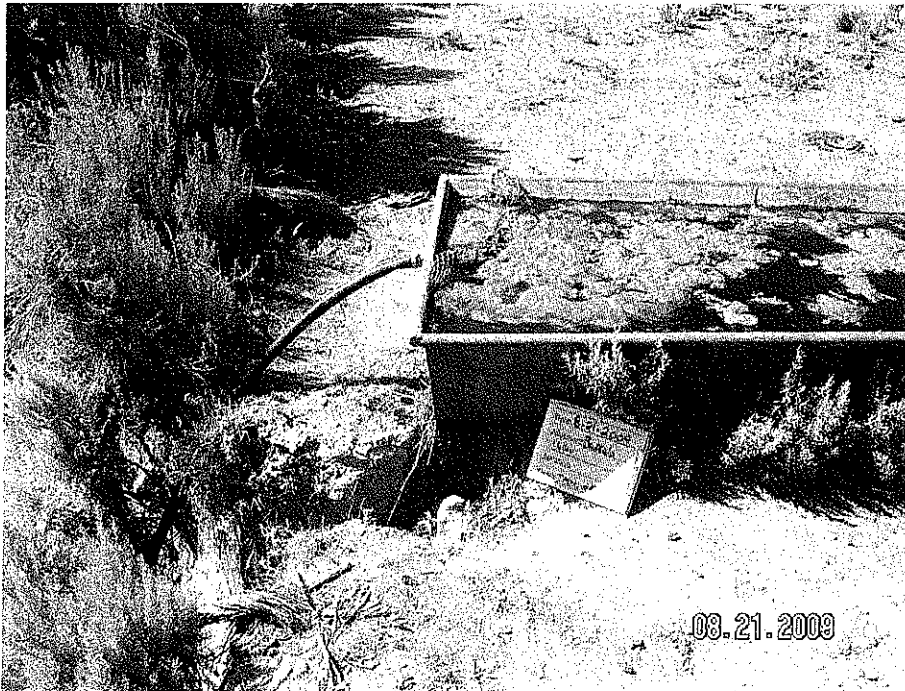
Need to remove cut willows piled below spring enclosure

McCoy Well



Need to repair trough

Gravel Pit Spring



Need to move trough away from stream bank, back to its original location

Range Improvement Maintenance Priorities

Priority *	Range Improvement Name	Range Improvement Number	Location
1	Cow Creek PL	594069	T 27N R 41E Section 18 NWNE
2	Cow Creek PL South	594830	T 27N R 40E Section 02 SESE
3	Rocky Springs PL	594396	T 31N R 42E Sections 23-27 and 34
4	Buffalo Valley Well	591220	T 33N R 42E Section 32 SWSW
5	Saval Well #1 & Tank	590247	T 28N R 41E Section 02 NESW
6	Dailey Canyon PL	594806	T 29N R 40E Section 28 NWNE
7	Cherry Creek PL	594709	T 31N R 41E Section 06 NWSW
8	Saval Well #2 & Tank	590251	T 31N R 41E Section 22 NENE
9	Nancy Spring	594807	T 27N R 40E Section 15 SWNE
10	Mill Spring & PL	594395	T 32N R 42E Sections 21-22 and 27
11	Mill Well	594346	T 31N R 42E Section 19 NE
12	Electric Well	594398	T 29N R 42E Section 04 SWSW
13	Picket Well	594270	T 30N R 42E Section 23 SESE
14	Gilman PL	594337	T 28N R 42E Section 4-5 and 8
15	Mud Spring	594387	T 28N R 40E Section 32 SENE
16	Joe Saval Well #2	590709	T 28N R 41E Section 34 NESE
17	Joe Saval Well #1	590707	T 27N R 41E Section 08 SESE
18	Frank Helen PL	591214	T 30N R 40E Section 24
19	Frank Helen Spring	591203	T 30N R 40E Section 22 SWSE
20	Mill Creek PL EXT.	594662	T 32N R 42E Sections 21-22 and 27, 29...
21	Fish Creek Basin SPG.	594818	T 27N R 42E Section 04 SWSE
22	Gravel Pit Spring	594400	T 28N R 41E Section 34 SWNE
23	Joe Saval Estate SPG.	591205	T 27N R 40E Section 28 SWSW
24	McCoy Well	590784	T 26N R 39E Section 11 SW
25	Joe Saval Estate WM	591207	T 30N R 41E Section 14 SWSE
26	Blue Lead PL	591029	T 28N R 40E Section 03 SWSW
27	Indian Springs PL	590922	T 27N R 39E Section 10 NENE
28	Flag Canyon PL	591215	T 30N R 40E Sections 6-8
29	Airport Well	594089	T 29N R 41E Section 34 SENE
30	Old Man SPG. & PL	594394	T 26N R 37E Section 34 SENE
31	Alkali Spring	594389	T 28N R 40E Section 32 SENE
32	Lone Canyon PL	594710	T 28N R 41E Sections 29-30
33	Basin Spring & PL	594393	T 27N R 41E Section 16 NESW
34	Top Spring PL	591216	T 32N R 40E Section 25 NW
35	Dixie Valley Well	590904	T 26N R 39E Section 10 SE

* Range Improvements are listed according to maintenance priority, 1 being the highest priority.

PL = Pipeline

SPG. = Spring

WM = Windmill