

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

~~cc - Dead fence~~
~~cc - Mt Call fence~~
cc - Brown
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TO : Files

DATE: September 15, 1972

FROM : Ed Fisk and Keith Woodworth

SUBJECT: Wild Horse Count and Inspection of the Mt. Callaghan Fence and Dead Ox Fence

Inspected the Grass Valley portion of the Mt. Callaghan Fences. There was only 1 stay that looked bad toward the very south end, about 1/4 to 1/2 mile from the south end of the fence. The wires appear to be up, the gates closed, and braces appear to be in good shape.

The Keith Brown portion of the Mt. Callaghan Fences. No stays, wire broken. This is starting from the north end going south. Wires down along the ridge, posts down. Appears to be almost non functional; wire extremely loose. Apparently there has been very little maintenance on this part of the fence. First mile in very bad shape; continuing to look about the same. The last 1/4 mile of the Brown fence appears to be maintained and in pretty good shape. The rest of it shows no maintenance whatsoever.

About the first mile of the Inchauspe fence still needs stays. Wires appear to be up in fairly good shape. Some wires appear to be loose but the fence seems to be functional up to this point. The Inchauspe portion of the fence does not have stays in it that can be seen so far. It changes from a 4 wire fence to a 3 wire fence, with some broken wire in spots. Just completed the Inchauspe portion of the fence to be maintained. There appeared to be one bad area about 1/4 mile from the top of Mt. Callaghan to the north - the wire is down.

Ansolabehere portion of the fence appears to be in fairly good shape. There are single twisted wire stays and double wire stays appear to be showing up more consistantly as we get further south along the fence. Stress panels and corner posts appear to be in pretty good shape. This fence is a vast improvement when it was inspected two years ago.

Inspecting the fence between the Simpson Park and Austin Units. We are beyond the Ansolabehere portion but apparently somebody has been doing maintenance. There are twisted wire stays in the fence and it appears to be in very good condition. Continuing along towards Italian Canyon. The fence appears to be in fair shape. There are green metal posts and wood posts. In fact, the fence now has turned out to be a mixture of wood posts, green metal posts and red metal posts as we continue down the fence line. We are at the top of Italian Canyon, the fence appears to be in very good shape. This portion of the fence that will have to be worked out at a latter date as to who is responsible for maintenance. There are some corner posts that are made out of metal posts. These do not appear to be substantial although they are in good shape. There appears to be a broken wire strand along the fence about 1/4 mile south of the top of Italian Canyon.



The photographs didn't turn out - no pictures

- Map reference #1. Sighted 7 horses on top of the ridge just above Cottonwood Canyon. No chance to classify them.
- Map Reference #2. Almost ahead into one of the forks of Boon^e Creek just kind of northwest of the big patch of Quaken Aspen. 5 horses, appears to be a stallion and his mares. They are all bays.
- Map reference #3. To the west about 3 or 4 hundred yards is another group of 3 horses. 1 black, 1 sorrell, 1 bay, might just an off shoot of the band previously.
- Map reference no. 4. A group of 5; 3 dark horses, 1 sorrell, 1 bay, one of the dark horses appears to be a black horse or very dark brown. Pictures no. 4 and 5.
- Map reference no. 5. About 2 miles above the Iowa Canyon Dam. There is a group of 13. Strawberry roan, dark buckskin, 2 blacks, bay, sorrell, 2 dark colts, 2 blacks and another sorrell. Pictures 6, 7 and 8.
- Map reference no. 6. A band of 6; 2 colts, all bays; 1 colt is a sorrell colt. Picture no. 9.
- Map reference no. 7. A band of 6, a dark horse with a spot on his forehead, a bay, a sorrell colt with a blaze face, another dark black horse with a spot on his forehead, a sorrell horse and, a bay, apparently a stud. The previously mentioned sorrell has a very distinctive bald face and a white spot under the belly, on the right hand side. Picture 10.
- Map reference no. 8. A band of 9; 3 bays, 2 grays, a strawberry roan and a black colt. Picture no. 11.
- Map reference no. 9. A band of 6 horses near Hall Creek Canyon. 1 sorrell with part of tail black, 3 bays, 1 colt also bay, 1 light bay stud; shows a lot of light color in it, almost strawberry. Picture no. 12.
- Map reference no. 10, a band of three on the ridge dividing Hall Creek and Cowboys Rest. 2 sorrells and 1 black.
- Map reference no. 11 a band of 8. 1 colt a sorrell, 4 bays, 1 bay with a spot on the forehead, colt and 3 blacks. Picture no. 14.
- Map reference 12. A band of 7, 1 black, 4 bays, 1 sorrell and another black. Just at the start of Cowboys Rest Fence on the divide between Hall Creek and Cowboys Rest. On the east side of the fence on the line. Picture no. 15.
- Map reference no. 13. A band of 15. There are 5 bays, black with a bald face, 2 sorrells with bald face, 7 other sorrells. 3 are Colts. High speed Ectochrome pictures 1 and 2.
- Map reference no. 14. Band of 8, 5 blacks, 2 bays and a sorrell. One is a colt with 3 white stocking feet and a blaze face. 2 of the blacks have spots on their forehead.

The upper end of Hall Creek; 4 deer, 3 doe, a fawn also a Buck and a big one. Many sage grouse observed flying in this area.

- Map reference 15. A band of six, 2 blacks, 1 sorrell, 3 bays and 1 colt. Picture no. 3, H.S.E.
- Map reference no. 16. In a portion of Hall Creek there are 9 one side of the ridge. 7 bays, strawberry roan and one black, in the same canyon there are 5 more, a gray, a real light gray, a washed out sorrell, a bay and a black. This band has 1 colt in it. 3 more, a sorrell, a bay, and a sorrell colt. 17 total. Picture no. 4, 5 and 7 high speed ectrochrome.
- Map reference no. 17. A sorrell with a blazed face, all by itself. Picture no. 6 H.S.E.
- Map reference no. 18. A band of 4, 3 sorrells each with spots on their foreheads and a sorrell with a blaze face and white stockings. Picture no. 8 H.S.E.
- Map reference no. 19. A band of 6, 3 bays, 1 sorrell, 3 blacks, 1 colt, is included in that count. Picture no. 9. H.S.E.
- Map reference 20 a band of 4. 1 bay, 1 buckskin, 2 blacks, right at the head of Iowa Canyon. Pictures no. 10 and 11, H.S.E.
- Map reference 21. A band of 11, 2 colts, 1 colt bay, 1 colt black, 3 strawberry roan, 1 sorrell, 2 other black horses, 1 buckskin, 2 colts in there. Pictures no. 12 and 13. H.S.E.
- Map reference no. 22. A band of 4, 1 black, 2 sorrells, 1 bay.
- Map reference no. 24. A band of 5, 1 black with a blaze face, 1 sorrell colt, and 3 bay mares. High speed ectochrome picture no. 14.
- Map reference 25. 4 head of horses, 1 colt, 2 bays, 1 black on Bald Mountain.

Count was made between 0805 and 1030 using a Bell Ranger helicopter. Weather was clear, warm with very little wind.

Total horses counted -- 163.

Maps used were the following:

Hall Creek 15 minute topo
Mt. Callaghan 15 minute topo
Cortez 15 minute topo
Joe Eason Mtn. 7.5 minute topo

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