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### MEMORANDUM

To: Files

From: Sierra District Ranger

Subject: Record of recent changes to the Stock Use and Meadow Management Plan

The following are modifications to the Stock Use and Meadow Management Plan of March 5, 1986. A formal addendum is unnecessary: most of the modifications are contained in the 1990 Grazing and Livestock Regulations. These and subsequent modifications will be included in the 1991 revision of the Plan.

#### P. 17; Section 4.1.6

Add: (5) The use of temporary, portable electric fences is permitted subject to the following guidelines:

- a) The fences should be used only in dry meadows where the forage is not already overgrazed or barren in appearance.
- b) The fenced area should be large enough, and the fence moved often enough, to prevent the forage from being completely consumed or the ground surface broken up.
- c) The fence cannot be nailed to trees.
- d) The fence must be at least 100 feet away from water and campsites.

#### P. 36; Appendix III.B. Limits on number of nights per area.

Add: Milestone Basin - 2 nights per party

Add: Scaffold Meadow (Tourist Pasture) - 2 nights per party  
This long-standing regulation was inadvertently omitted from the Plan.

#### P. 36; Appendix III.C. Stock per party limits.

Add: Milestone Basin - 15 head per party

#### P. 37; Appendix III.D. Areas Closed to Grazing

Add: Kern Ranger Station Small Pasture and Lewis Camp Pasture are administrative pastures closed to public use.

This is not a change in use status for these meadows, but statement of a long-standing condition comparable to the closure of the Lackey and JR Pastures at Roaring River Ranger Station.

P. 39: Appendix IV.C. Day use and pass-through backcountry trails and routes.

Delete: "Zone 46/47 Cartridge Pass trail jct with John Muir Trail west along South Fork of Kings River for about 3 to 4 miles."

The area is open for stock use, including travel, camping, and overnight grazing.

P. 38: Appendix III.E. Areas temporarily closed to grazing.

Delete: "Vidette Meadow - the area from immediately above the primary meadow to the existing East Vidette drift fence. When the new drift fence is built immediately above the primary meadow, the area between the new drift fence and the existing drift fence (further east) will be opened to grazing."

The drift fence was built in 1986 and the area mentioned is open for grazing.

Add: Crabtree Lakes - the area from Lower Crabtree Meadow to the camp below lower Crabtree Lake. This area is closed to stock pending trail reconstruction in the summer of 1990. Once the trail is reconstructed, overnight stock use will be permitted to the camp, with day rides permitted above that point.

MISCELLANEOUS

Add: Upper and Lower Funston Meadows - Stock users are directed to camp in designated sites if available. Sites will be constructed in the summer of 1990.

May 27, 1986

ADDENDUM

STOCK USE AND MEADOW MANAGEMENT PLAN

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The following are editorial and printing corrections and minor modifications to the Stock Use and Meadow Management Plan, which was approved on March 5, 1986.

Page 17. 4.1.6. Stock and Camp Etiquette

(1) Change the last sentence to read as follows; Picketing will be allowed provided that stock are moved often enough that damage to the vegetation and soils does not occur.

(2) Change the last sentence to delete the requirement to hobble animals that paw while tied. Hobbling animals that are tied can cause serious injury.

Page 33. Appendix II. Drift Fence Classes and Maintenance Priorities

Drift Fence Maintenance Priorities. Add Evolution and Montgomery Meadow Drift Fences to the Class 5 priority list.

Page 39. Appendix IV. Trails and Areas Open To Use

C. Day Use and Pass-Through, Backcountry Trails/Routes; add Zone 83 Crabtree Ranger Station to Crabtree Lake.

Page 42. Appendix VI. Meadows Closed to Grazing

Delete (12) Rock Creek Penned Up Meadow from this list. It was determined after review that; (1) this meadow is not needed for the monitoring program; (2) there are a sufficient number of other meadows in the Rock Creek Area that are closed to provide for scientific study and visitor enjoyment; (3) Recent past use may have compromised the utility of the meadow for use in the monitoring program.

Expand the description of (11) Rock Creek Ranger Station Meadow as follows; the small, very wet meadow between the Ranger Station and Pacific Crest Trail. Correct the acreage to 2 acres (this will be field checked and updated during the 1986 summer).

Maps, Sheet 2.

Delete number 7, CHARLOTTE LAKE MEADOWS from the map. It is no longer on the Meadows Closed to Grazing list, Appendix VI. Charlotte Lake Meadow is on the long standing list of areas permanently closed to grazing, Appendix III, D. (Meadow number 7 is now Wright Creek Meadow.)

Maps, Sheet 3.

Delete Rock Creek Penned Up Meadow. See note above, PAGE 42, on this meadow.