



GRAZING DISTRICTS CHRISTENED

There has been a growing desire on the part of Grazing Service personnel and livestock operators to be able to refer to grazing districts by names which typify the area rather than by number. On Monday, June 24, a committee appointed by the Director met in the Washington office to select names from a great many suggestions which had been received. After carefully weighing the merits of all suggestions, the committee chose the following names:

Arizona Grazing Districts

- No. 1 -- Hurricane District
- No. 2 -- Kingman District
- No. 3 -- Maricopa District
- No. 4 -- Safford District

California Grazing Districts

- No. 1 -- Mojave District
- No. 2 -- Honey Lake District

Colorado Grazing Districts

- No. 1 -- Meeker District
- No. 2 -- Summit District
- No. 3 -- Ouray District
- No. 4 -- Dolores District
- No. 6 -- Yampa District

Idaho Grazing Districts

- No. 1 -- Owyhee District
- No. 2 -- Twin Falls District
- No. 3 -- Lostriver District
- No. 4 -- Lemhi District

Montana Grazing Districts

- No. 1 -- Malta District
- No. 2 -- Musselshell District
- No. 3 -- Mizpah District
- No. 4 -- Bridger District
- No. 5 -- Butte District
- No. 6 -- Roundup District

New Mexico Grazing Districts

- No. 2-A -- Rio Fierco District
- No. 2-B -- Magdalena District
- No. 3 -- Border District
- No. 4 -- Tularosa District
- No. 5 -- Mesa District
- No. 6 -- Pecos District
- No. 7 -- Chaco District

Nevada Grazing Districts

- No. 1 -- Elko District
- No. 2 -- Pyramid District
- No. 3 -- Virginia City District
- No. 4 -- Ely District
- No. 5 -- Searchlight District

Oregon Grazing Districts

- No. 1 --- Bonanza District
- No. 2 --- Basin District
- No. 3 --- Vale District
- No. 4 --- Jordan District
- No. 5 --- Crooked River District
- No. 6 --- Baker District
- No. 7 --- Echo District

Utah Grazing Districts

- No. 1 --- Promontory District
- No. 2 --- Bonneville District
- No. 3 --- Pahvant District
- No. 4 --- Virgin District
- No. 5 --- Escalante District
- No. 6 --- Monticello District
- No. 7 --- San Rafael District
- No. 8 --- Duchesne District
- No. 9 --- Grand District

Wyoming Grazing Districts

- No. 1 --- Tensleep District
- No. 2 --- Windriver District
- No. 3 --- Divide District
- No. 4 --- Greenriver District
- No. 5 --- Sublette District

To avoid confusion suggestions similar to names given national parks, national monuments, national forests, Indian reservations, et cetera were disregarded. Neither was consideration given to names of living persons.

It is proposed to include in future issues of The Range Rider the "stories behind the names." If you know of any interesting sidelights or short stories about any of the names selected, we will be very glad to publish them from time to time.

Everyone is urged to refer to grazing districts by name in the future.

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POISONOUS PLANTS DESCRIBED BY RANGE EXAMINER PALMER

Range Examiner CCC, J. Earl Palmer, has written an article appearing in the June issue of The National Wool Grower entitled "Two Poisonous Plants Causing Trouble in Utah." The article deals with two poisonous plants which are little known to livestockmen in Utah--Asclepias labriformis (which Mr. Palmer has named Utah Milkweed) and Oxytenia acerosa (named Copper Weed by Mr. Palmer). Both plants have definite toxic properties for all classes of livestock. Mr. Palmer describes efforts to eradicate these weeds by the Grazing Service within the same year in which they became known.

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The number of stock sheep in the United States on January 1, 1940 was estimated at 48,473,000 head--an increase of about 500,000 head during 1939.

### LEASE OR SALE OF SMALL TRACTS OF LAND

On June 10, 1940, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes approved General Land Office Circular No. 1470 containing regulations governing the lease or sale of small tracts of land under the provisions of the Act of June 1, 1938 (52 Stat. 609; 43 U.S.C. 682a). The Secretary of the Interior is authorized, under the terms of this act, to lease or sell tracts of land not exceeding five acres which may be classified as chiefly valuable for home, cabin, camp, health, convalescent, recreation, or business site. The act is applicable to lands in such areas as grazing districts but is not applicable to lands in national forests, parks, and monuments. Neither is it applicable to the re-vested Oregon and California railroad or the reconveyed Coos Bay wagon road grant lands in Oregon.

The terms of the act are in keeping with the Department's plan to promote beneficial utilization of public lands and safeguard public interest in these lands. Applications for lease or sale made to the General Land Office will be considered in the light of their effect upon the conservation of natural resources and upon the welfare not only of the applicants themselves but of the communities in which they propose to settle.

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Enrollees at camp G-152, Bear Creek, Oregon, have become interested in arrowhead making as a hobby, under the enthusiastic guidance of Non-technical Foreman Jeff Bean.

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### CODE MEETING

It has been announced that the meeting to consider revisions of the Federal Range Code will be held at the Albany Hotel, Denver, Colorado, July 15 to 25. Present at the meeting will be representatives of the Grazing Service, advisory boards, and the Office of the Solicitor.

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### VISITORS

Mr. Veloy H. Butterfield of the Pahvant District office, Fillmore, Utah, and his petite wife, came around to see what makes the wheels go around in the Washington office a few days ago. They had already been to New York City and were about to start back to Utah.

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### WASHINGTON OFFICE WHISPERS

An Oregon report tells that CCC fencing standards are improving since a certain Branch Chief established as the measure of a well-tamped fence post, one which he couldn't move by shaking. Inspectors of less avoirdupois are now engaging in various physical exercises to maintain the severity of the tests.

SAFETY HONOR ROLL ON MAY 31

<u>Camp G-97, Kimama, Rupert, Idaho</u>	<u>17 accident-free months</u>
Camp G-72, Bridger, Bridger, Montana	16 accident-free months
Camp G-19, Delmuen, Pioche, Nevada	14 accident-free months
Camp G-68, Frederick Butte, Brothers, Oregon	14 accident-free months

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RANGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PRAISED IN VERSE

Every once in a while we read comments from range users about the benefits they have derived from range improvement work carried on by CCC camps in grazing districts. Mr. J. L. Nielson, Chairman of the advisory board of Bonneville District (Utah), departed from the usual style, however, when he cleverly put his comments in poetry form. His verse, "What a Sheepman Thinks of the CC Camps," which appeared in the June issue of The National Wool Grower is reprinted here.

You ask this sheepman what he has to say  
About the CC camps of the present day.  
Just this--I'm wishing now with all my heart  
That with this setup we will never part.

To cross the desert before they came  
Was sure enough a tough old game.  
On Swazzy bench, many a rock I struck;  
On Tula flat I was always stuck.

Old Mile-and-a-Half we will never forget,  
The place with troubles we were always beset;  
'Twas there my camp went on the bum---  
That last steep hill was a son-of-a-gun.

Now the rocks are gone and the wash is filled;  
When I think of this my heart is thrilled.  
As over these roads I smoothly glide,  
Methinks I'll take my wife for a pleasure ride.

But the one most glad for the CC camp I think  
Is the good old ewe who can now get a drink;  
For along the trail many a reservoir she finds,  
Her favorite drink this very kind.

As Mary's lamb of the long ago  
To follow her she was not slow,  
So the good old ewe to the CC camp does say  
"I'll follow you 'till Judgment Day."