



## EAGLE VALLEY LIBRARY DISTRICT

### Salt Creek Cattle Growers Association Collection

#### Correspondence between the Salt Creek Cattle Growers Association and the U.S. Forest Service concerning grazing on the Salt Creek Allotment

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#### Description of Collection

**Origination:** File of correspondence maintained by the Eagle County Historical Society and the Eagle Public Library.

**Title:** Salt Creek Cattle Growers Association Collection

**Physical Description:** 9 letters; 2 copies of amendments related to Chapter 160 1935 Colorado Statutes Annotated; 2 cooperative agreements between the S.C.C.G.A. and the BLM and White River National Forest; 2 annual meeting reports and 1 agenda from the White River National Forest Grazing Advisory Board for Cattle; housed in sheet protectors in a 1" 3-ring binder.

**Repository:** Local History Collection, Eagle Library, Eagle Valley Library District, PO Box 240, 600 Broadway, Eagle, CO 81631

**Location of Collection:** For current location of this collection, please consult the Eagle Library Local History Department staff. A photocopy of the items in this collection is available in the Local History Collection: REF 636.0845 S1760.

**Collection Identification:** RARE 636.0845 S1760

#### Administrative Information

**Restriction on Access:** The photocopy of the notebooks may be accessed in the Library. Visual inspection of the original notebooks may be arranged with Local History Department staff.

**Restrictions on Use:** The collection is used in the presence of Eagle Library Local History Collection staff.

**Acquisition Information:** Incorporated as part of the Eagle Public Library Local History Collection.

**Custodial History (Provenance):** File folder containing this correspondence has been housed with the Eagle County Historical Society and the Eagle Public Library. Rehousing and processing occurred in April 2008.

**Note (Abstract):** The collection contains correspondence between the Salt Creek Cattle Growers Association and various government entities responsible for grazing rights and range management. The earliest date is 1942; the latest date is 1972.

**Preferred Citation:** Salt Creek Cattle Growers Association Collection, Eagle Public Library, Eagle Valley Library District.

**Processing Information:** Processed by: Jaci Spuhler; completed April 2008

**Arrangement:** The items are arranged by date, beginning with the oldest and ending with the most recent.

**Historical Note:** The Taylor Grazing Act of 1934 (43 USC 315) was intended to “stop injury to the public grazing lands [excluding Alaska] by preventing overgrazing and soil deterioration; to provide for their orderly use, improvement, and development; [and] to stabilize the livestock industry dependent upon the public range : (USDI 1988). Approximately 80 million acres of land valuable for grazing and forage crops were available to be placed into grazing districts. ...By June 1935, over 65 million acres had been placed in grazing districts. All the established grazing districts are still in effect today. – U.S. Dept. of the Interior. Bureau of Land Management.

[http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/field\\_offices/Casper/range/taylor.print.html](http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/field_offices/Casper/range/taylor.print.html)

The Salt Creek C&H Allotment currently falls under the Eagle Ranger District of the White River National Forest (see [Description of Allotment Boundary](#) and Salt Creek Allotment map). The Salt Creek Cattle Growers Association was formed by a group of ranchers to utilize the Allotment for grazing. The Association was recognized by the Holy Cross Ranger District of the Forest Service in June 1942 as the official handler of the allotment.

The ranchers listed for the allotment in 1942 are: Bearden, R.J.; Larsen, Hans; High, R.H.; Macdonnell, Alex; Whittaker, Gordon; Van Horn, John; Taylor & Deem.

Current status of the Salt Creek Allotment is available at:

<http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/gsfo/grazing.html>

**Subordinate Components:** 1 1-inch 3-ring binder

#### **Appendix A: Collection Contents**

[Description of Allotment Boundary](#), Salt Creek C&H, Eagle Ranger District, White River National Forest (courtesy of the Eagle Ranger District, April 2008)

Salt Creek Allotment Boundary map (courtesy of the Eagle Ranger District, April 2008)

“The Taylor Grazing Act,” U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming [http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/field\\_offices/Casper/range/taylor.print.html](http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/field_offices/Casper/range/taylor.print.html)

Letter: May 7, 1942 from Ben F. Rice, Forest Ranger, to Mr. J. D. Allen  
[re: users and number of cattle permitted on Salt Creek this year]

Letter: June 25, 1942 from J. V. Leighou, Forest Supervisor, to Mr. J. D. Allen  
[re: recognizing the Salt Creek Cattle Growers Association for the Salt Creek Allotment]

Letter: May 28, 1943 from J. V. Leighou, Forest Supervisor, to Mr. J. D. Allen  
[re: special rules adopted by the Forest Service as part of the permit on Salt Creek Allotment]

Letter: March 22, 1943 from the Holy Cross National Forest to the Salt Creek Cattle Growers Association  
[re: reporting the special Rules for consideration by the Salt Creek Cattle Growers Association as delineated by the Advisory Board of the Salt Creek Cattle Growers Association (Gordon Whittaker, Hans Larsen, John Van Horn)]

Letter: May 1, 1944 from Ben F. Rice, Forest Ranger, to Mr. J. D. Allen  
[re: users and number of cattle permitted on Salt Creek range this year]

An Act to amend sections 56, 58, 59, 60, 68, and 69 of Chapter 160, C.S.A. 1935, to repeal section 24, chapter 160, C.S.A. 1935, and to repeal sections 57 and 67, chapter 160, C.S.A. 1935 relating to fences and the running of livestock at large and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

Letter: March 15, 1953 from J. V. Leighou, Forest Supervisor to Salt Creek Pool c/o Duane Larsen  
[re: closure of special use permit covering the Methany Park corral]

Letter: January 5, 1953 from J. V. Leighou, Forest Supervisor to Mr. Duane Larsen  
[re: per head assessment of cattle permitted on National Forest for this year]

House Bill No. 231, to prohibit livestock on public highways and to amend fence law and other purposes (April 18, 1953)

Cooperative Agreement March 22, 1954, between the BLM and Deem & Taylor, Falk Bros., Hans Larsen, Alex Macdonnel, Frank S. Newcomer (estate)  
[re: 50% of the cost of reconstructing Bellyache #1 and Bellyache #2 Springs]

Letter: January 6, 1955 from J. V. Leighou, Forest Supervisor to Salt creek Cattle Growers Ass'n. c/o Duane Larsen  
[re: per head assessment of cattle permitted on the National Forest for this year]

Cooperative Agreement April 27, 1956, between the Forest Service and the Salt Creek Cattle Grower's Ass'n  
[re: for construction and maintenance of range improvements]

Letter: September 5, 1958 from Donald E. Price, Forest Ranger, to Mr. Hans Larsen  
[re: early move of cattle from range due to drought conditions]

Letter: April 14, 1961 from E. H. Mason, Forest Supervisor, to Larsen, Hans & Son  
[re: description of allotment amended to read Salt Creek-Eagle District]

White River National Forest Advisory Board , April 6, 1965: Report of Electors Meeting held February 24, 1965.

White River Grazing Advisory Board for Cattle, February 23, 1972; Notice of Annual Meeting of Electors to be held March 2, 1972

White River Advisory Board for Cattle, June 26, 1972: Report of Annual Meeting held May 11, 1972

Forest Service manual, August 1969, R-2 Supplement No. 31: Title 2200 – Range Management, 2221.21 change in Kind of Livestock.