

April 15, 2002

Mr. Richard Matthews
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Dear Richard:

We just finished a survey of our customers' opinion of the "access to the outdoors" issue.

You will note that 1,561 people replied, out of a total of perhaps 50,000. You will note that 80.5% of the replies favored a no access policy. We enclose our insert, which explained the issue. I also include a summary by state.

I feel that the 80.5% majority is a strong one and shows that our arguments have validity. We received replies from 17 different states.

Any time you wish to link me up with the livestock committee, as suggested by Mark, I am ready. Just give me a few days notice. You might wish to distribute copies of this letter to them. I have enclosed six copies.

Sincerely,

George S. Bass