

PETE SECKEN

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Dates 8/17/88 - 8/25/88

1. Work Accomplished

Give a brief summary of work accomplished by you and your crew this hitch, including trail construction and maintenance, sign maintenance, facilities maintenance, public contact patrol, backcountry rehabilitation, and special projects. (Attach a map and color code work completed: green - logging out, blue - drainage, orange - signing).

- 8/17/88 HAULED TO HALFMOON PARK. PUT UP SIGN FOR BIG TIMBER CK. FALLS TRAIL. CUT OUT 1 TREE. CLEANED DRAINAGE, ROCKS, & BRUSH. REPAIRED FIRST CORDURRY ABOVE SECOND BRIDGE. REPLACED 3 LOGS.
- 8/18/88 CUT OUT AND CLEANED BLUE LAKE TRAIL AND BIG TIMBER CK. TRAIL PAST TWIN LAKES AND $\frac{1}{4}$ MILE TOWARDS BIG TIMBER CK. DIVIDE CUT OUT 8 TREES, CLEANED DRAINAGE, ROCKS, & BRUSH
- 8/19/88 CUT OUT & CLEANED FROM $\frac{1}{2}$ MILE ABOVE TWIN LAKES TO JCT. OF SOUTH FORK AND MIDDLE FORK OF THE SWEETGRASS. CUT OUT 2 TREES, CLEANED DRAINAGE, ROCKS, & BRUSH. BUILT & REBUILT NUMEROUS ROCK CAIRNS.
- 8/20/88 CUT OUT & CLEANED MIDDLE FORK OF THE SWEETGRASS. LOGGED OUT 15 TREES, CLEANED DRAINAGE, ROCKS, & BRUSH. PUT UP SIGN ON DIVIDE.
- 8/21/88 CUT OUT & CLEANED FROM JCT. 122/123 TO JCT. 122/273 AND THE NORTH FORK OF THE SWEETGRASS NO. 273. WE LOGGED 14 TREES AND CLEANED DRAINAGE, ROCKS, & BRUSH. WE REBUILT A FEW ROCK CAIRNS.
- 8/22/88 CUT OUT & CLEANED FROM JCT. 122/273 TO EAGLE PARK, CUT OUT 10 TREES CLEANED DRAINAGE, ROCKS, & BRUSH. PUT UP TWO NEW SIGNS IN EAGLE PARK AT TRAILHEAD
- 8/23/88 TRAVELED FROM EAGLE PARK TO CARROCCIA'S AND THEN CLEANED DRAINAGE, ROCK & BRUSH TO DRY CREEK ON EAST TRUNK TRAIL, CUT OUT 4 TREES REBUILT A FEW ROCK CAIRNS IN OPEN MEADOWS
- 8/24/88 CUT OUT AND CLEANED EAST TRUNK TRAIL FROM DRY CREEK TO BIG TIMBER LOGGED OUT 7 TREES AND CLEANED DRAINAGE, ROCKS, & BRUSH
- 8/25/88 TRAVELED TO Sct.

2. Work To Be Completed

List and give details of any trail problems encountered or specialized work that needs to be done (re-routes, puncheon/corduoy, turnpiking, re-treading, brushing, blasting, etc.). Indicate trail problems in red on the attached map.

Upper part of trail to Blue Lake needs work - Blasting or rerouting of sections @ big boulders, water bars, switch backs or reroute of steep sections.

~~the~~ ^{two} ~~cord~~ Corduoy just above second pack bridge needs to be replaced.

APPROACHES TO BOTH BRIDGES ON BIG TIMBER CK. TRAIL NEED BUILT UP WITH DIRT/ROCKS

TRAIL ABOVE TWIN LAKES NEEDS A LOT OF WORK - RETREADING, BLASTING, ETC.

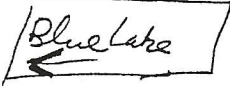
TWO SHORT STRETCHES OF TRAIL (≈ 100 FT. EACH) ON NORTH PARK SWEETGRASS TRACK NEED SWITCH BACKS. ONE SPOT IS WITHIN ~~APPROX~~ 200 YDS. OF SUNLIGHT LAKE AND THE OTHER IS 1 MILE BELOW SUNLIGHT LAKE

SWEET GRASS CK. TRAIL IS BAD IN NUMEROUS PLACES. IN 3 OR 4 PLACES ABOUT 75 \rightarrow 100 YDS EACH FROM N. PK. SWEET GRASS TO EAGLE PARK NEED RETREAD. THE TREAD HAS GONE DOWN SLOPE OVER THE YEARS AND IS TORN UP. THERE ARE 2 \rightarrow 3 PLACES WHERE CREEKS IN THE SPRING RUN DOWN THE TRACKS AND IS ALWAYS WEAR ROCKS ABOUT A MILE AND A HALF ABOVE EAGLE PARK IN A CLIFF AREA THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME BLASTING DONE AS WELL AS A LOT OF BOULDER REMOVAL. THERE ARE A FEW OTHER PLACES BELOW THAT THAT NEED BLASTING. $\frac{1}{2}$ MILE ABOVE EAGLE PARK THE TRAIL FOLLOWS A GULCH FOR 200 \rightarrow 300 YDS. ON THE BOTTOM, CONSEQUENTLY ~~THE~~ IT IS VERY ROCKY SINCE THAT IS WHERE THE ~~LAND~~ LAND AROUND IT DRAINS \rightarrow NEED RE-ROUTE

EAST TRUNK TRAIL

JUST ABOUT EVERY ~~TIME~~ TIME THE TRAIL GOES DOWN INTO A CREEK AND BACK UP THE OTHER SIDE IT EXCEEDS 6% SLOPE AND NEEDS DRAINAGE. SOME PLACES THE TRAIL IS ERODED OVER A FOOT DEEP.

List trail junction, trailhead, and wilderness boundary signs needing repair or replacement, and/or inadequate posts or cairns. Draw an illustration of any signs that need to be ordered on a separate sheet and attach to this report.

Blue Lake sign needs to face other way 
Currently it is the opposite direction, therefore you can't see it when going up the trail.

TRAILHEAD SIGN FOR EAST TRUNK TRAIL IS MISSING (PROBABLY RIPPED DOWN BY CARROCIAS) PROBABLY NEVER KEEP ONE UP THERE.

Note any other problems to be corrected: rehabilitation work, garbage to pack out, facilities problems, etc.

TIME NEEDS TO BE SPENT AT BLUE LAKE, GRANITE LAKE & TWIN LAKES TO CLEAN UP FIRE RINGS & PICK UP GARBAGE.

THERE ARE ROCK FIRE RINGS IN SEVERAL PLACES ALONG BIG TIMBER CK. TRAIL & SWEETGRASS CK. TRAILS. WE LEFT THEM, BUT IT WOULD BE NICE TO CLEAN THEM UP. MOOSE LAKE & CAMPFIRE LAKES HAVE FIRE RINGS

~~SMALL LAKES~~
SMALL LAKES BELOW SUNLIGHT LAKE HAVE FIRE RINGS

3. Public Contact

Briefly summarize day-to-day contacts, including number of groups, size of groups, type of groups, where contacted, heavy concentrations of users, and any special group contacts. Describe any exceptional contacts (good and bad), service projects done by the public, and any concerns expressed by the public.

- 8/17/88 1000 VAN CLEVES' RIDERS - 2 WRANGLERS PLUS 12 GUESTS AT HALPMECON CAMPGRND
GOING UP TRAIL (PROBABLY TO PAILS)
- 1200 4 HIKERS PASSED US JUST BEFORE FIRST BRIDGE
- 8/18/88 1200 VAN CLEVES' RIDERS 2 WRANGLERS PLUS 8 KIDS ON BLUE LAKE TRAIL GOING
1445 VAN CLEVES' RIDERS 1 WRANGLER PLUS 4 GUESTS AT UPPER TWIN LAKE ^{TO LAKE}
- 8/20/88 1200 3 PEOPLE & 6 HORSES AT MOOSE LAKE CAMPED
1330 4 PEOPLE + 2 HORSES AT CAMP FIRE LAKE CAMPING + DOG
1700 4 PEOPLE + 2 DOGS BETWEEN CAMP FIRE LAKE & MOOSE LAKE (FROM MILES CITY)
- 8/23/88 1000 CARROCCIA'S WRANGLER + 8 RIDERS GOING WEST UP SWEETGRASS ABOUT 1/4
MILE ABOVE CARROCCIA'S RANCH
- 8/24/88 1915 VAN CLEVES' WRANGLER + 5 RIDERS 1/2 MILE NORTH ON EAST TRUNK TRAIL
FROM BIG-TIMBER CK.

4. Law Enforcement

Summarize field violations: What are the main problems? Where do they occur? What can be done to improve the situation?

Attach Incident Reports for all violation incidents. Be thorough and specific. Gather enough information for follow-up action.

5. Safety

Document crew safety meetings and trailside sessions held in the field.
(Attach appropriate forms)

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Subject/Discussion:</u>	<u>Attending:</u>
8/18/88	HORSE SAFETY & USE	MARILYN SCHRADER PETE BECKEN

Discuss any ideas your crew came up with to improve safety practices in the field.

6. Service Projects

List and describe projects which service groups could accomplish. Give location, amount, and details of work to be done.



7. Wildlife Sightings (List species, time and date, location, and other interesting details).

Black Bear - 15:10, 8/17/88, 1/2 up Big Timber Creek
in the crazies, near the second pack bridge.
It was a small, young bear with no mother, so
perhaps 3 years. Very shaggy coat, tan & brown.

Family of Ruffed Grouse at the same time & place.

Two large Ruffed Grouse; Blue Lake Trail about noon, 8/18

Black Bear 14:00, 8/18, Big Timber Trail - typical Black
color, 100 lbs or so; more wary than first Bear.

8/17/88 COYOTE WENT BY CAMP 1900 JUST ABOVE SECOND BRIDGE

ONLY
DEER
OTTRAP →

8/21/88 1320 2 BUCK MULE DEER 1/2 MILE BELOW SUNLIGHT LAKE

1600 2 DOES MULE DEER 1/4 MILE FROM JCT. 122/273 ON NORTH FORK TRAIL

8/23/88 1530 10-12 ANTELOPE BY TRAIL AT DRY CREEK

8/24/88 1800 RED FOX AT BIG TIMBER CR. CAMP GRND

8. Cultural Resources (Give details of suspected historic sites)

OLD MINING CABINS (BROKEN DOWN) ALONG BLUE LAKE TRAIL FROM EARLY 1900'S.
THOSE CABINS PLUS THE GOLD MINES IN AREA WOULD BE INTERESTING TO KNOW ABOUT.
AN EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY IN THE AREA MIGHT BE APPROPRIATED SINCE THAT AREA GETS
SO MUCH USE.

9. Your Turn

This is your space to vent feelings, complain, discuss problems, comment on hitch assignments, and make suggestions for improvement. We will also accept positive feedback if we have any coming! Let it out!

Such a beautiful area - can't believe cattle grazing is feasible or allowed by SCS or MT Fish & Game or Water Quality people in the know!

WE MIGHT BE AHEAD IF WE CAN SOMEHOW SCHEDULE IT TO COMPLETE THE CRAZY MT. HITCH EARLIER IN THE SUMMER SO THERE WOULD BE SOME GRASS FOR THE HORSES. - NOTHING MAJOR

Sure seems like a lot of the trail work we did were problems caused by cows or private land owners using area. If land consolidation isn't possible perhaps arranging for these people to help out on trail work would ~~save~~ save USFS some money. Then there would be more time & money left to do some of the trail construction that is really needed there. This trail construction would in the long run save \$ because Pete has been spending years throwing rocks out of the trail where a week or two of trail construction would solve some of those rocky-section problems.

Perhaps a large scale map for Crazy users with camping areas on USFS land would be handy since you usually can't tell which land you're on up there.

Of course ideally the crazies would be a perfect spot to try out by-permit - camping only if land consolidation does happen. The lake areas are super fragile &

10. Receptionist Report

Please note general trail conditions, potential hazards, snow level, open passes, fishing conditions, wildflowers in bloom, mosquito conditions, as well as low-impact messages that receptionists should be passing on to the public. The receptionists are counting on you to help keep them informed.

Cows are just above Twin Lakes.

BLUE LAKE TRAIL CUT OUT? OPEN

BIG TIMBER CK. TRAIL CUT OUT? OPEN

GOOD FEED FOR HORSES ON BIG TIMBER CANYON UP TO JUST ABOVE TWIN LAKES WHERE THE COWS ARE

GOOD FEED IN THE SOUTH FORK OF THE SWEET GRASS TO 1/2 MILE BELOW GLACIER LAKE FR. DIVIDE. BELOW THAT THE COWS HAVE EATEN ALL THE GRASS

SOUTH FORK SWEET GRASS LOGGED OUT? CLEAN

MIDDLE FORK OF SWEET GRASS LOGGED OUT? CLEAN - HAVE TO GET TO CAMPFIRE LAKE FOR GRASS.

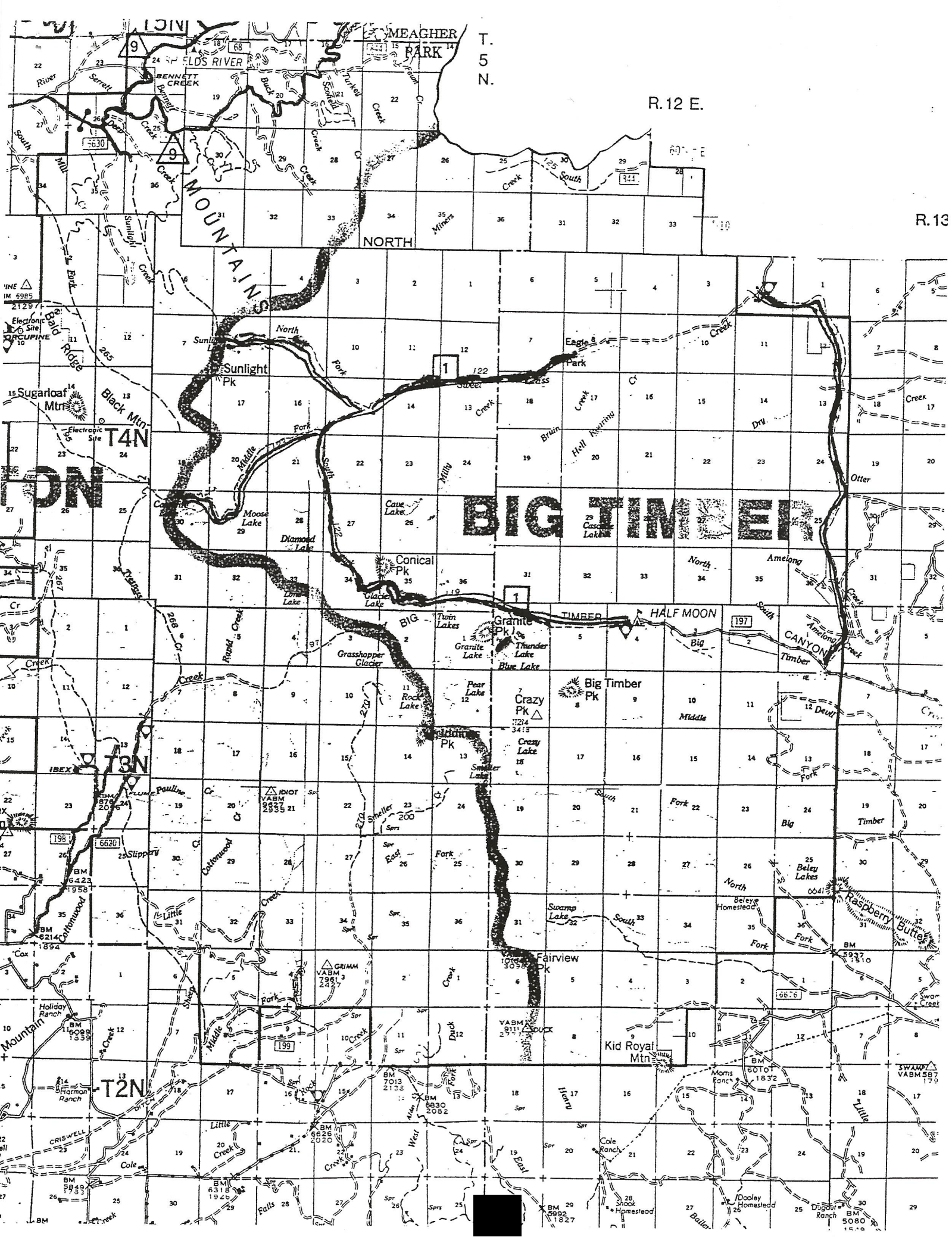
NORTH FORK OF SWEET GRASS LOGGED OUT? CLEAN AND THERE IS GRASS ALONG THE WHOLE TRAIL - NO COWS

SWEET GRASS CK. TRAIL IS LOGGED OUT? CLEAN. TRAIL IS ROCKY IN SEVERAL PLACES WATER IS GETTING SCARCE, MOST SMALL CREEKS NOT RUNNING

EAST TRUNK TRAIL LOGGED OUT AND CLEAN

No mosquitoes & few horse flies.

Crazies are a good place for people who don't like all the regulations in the Beartooths and don't want to hassle hanging their food.



BIG TIMBER

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MEAGHER PARK
SUNLIGHT MOUNTAIN
BIG TIMBER CANYON
BIG TIMBER
HALF MOON
CRAZY PK
FAIRVIEW PK
KID ROYAL Mtn

BELEY LAKES
SWAMP LAKE
GRASSHOPPER GLACIER
DIAMOND LAKE
MOOSE LAKE
CONICAL PK
GRANITE PK
THUNDER LAKE
BLUE LAKE
CRAZY LAKE
SWAMP LAKE

BELEY HOMESTEAD
DOOLEY HOMESTEAD
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