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Neil Bosworth: Tonto National Forest Supervisor,

Mr. name is Jim Olson

It seems to me that you, the Forest Service, is disregarding its own motto, "Caring for the land and serving the People." It is not caring for the land when it, the F.S., does not include or consider its own studies done in the 1970s and 1980s that determined the Colcord Pasture was not capable of sustaining cattle grazing. These studies need to be considered before any return of cattle grazing. In your Environmental Assessment, you state that there is no significant impact on humans, this is totally wrong. The Forest Service has received over 170 comments from people that are concerned about the negative effects that grazing has on people and their properties. The F.S. has also received a letter from the Gila County Environmental Engineer stating

the negative effects of livestock grazing on our septic systems, none of which permit grazing within 5 feet of these systems. These letters need to be considered as part of your motto "serving the people". It is wrong to ignore your own studies and our comments to serve one rancher.

I am in full agreement with the letter written to the F.S. by the Friends of the Mojallon Rim. You are employed to "Care for the Land and Serve the People, not to destroy the land and serve a rancher."

Respectfully,

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James R. Olson