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It is time to either stop pretending that you care about our forest health and the wild animals that call it home, (by publically admitting it as such) or start doing what we, the public, pay you for.

We do not pay you to allow the destruction of our wild lands, and the wild animals it supports so cattle can turn the land into dustbowls as they did back in the 1950s and 60s. We do not pay you to waste our hard earned money on fences to stop horses and other wildlife, or the public from reaching water sources you give to ranchers making millions off the cattle they export to other countries. Please remember who is paying your salaries. Every single American who pays taxes. You are guardians, not owners, of OUR lands. You work for all citizens, not a few wealthy and greedy ranchers who are not satisfied with ripping off the public by the cheap grazing leases you give them.

I demand, as your employer, that you cease and desist the destructive plans you have come up with to pacify the cattlemen.

I demand a full, CORRECT count of cattle, the leases the ranchers own and whether they are being abused as well as the horses.

I demand, as your employer, full transparency as to what you are doing to stop abused of leases.

I demand that you do what I pay you to do - humanely manage ALL wild lands and forests in ways that are compatible with real science, not pseudo science that scapegoats the wild horses, and that you post on your website, these plans, how they are working, and what you plan to do to correct plans so the ecology of our forests and wild creatures that are a vital part of them - this includes the horses - are healthy and thriving.

In expectation of a total review and change of direction to these poorly thought out plans that only benefit leaseholders.

Your employer,

Veronica A Clarke.