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Comments: I have a second point to make. Since you are required to do an environmental impact study, before implementing a management plan. I would be very interested to know if you intend to include the many miles of rusty barbwire that has been left in the forest by ranchers. As I understand it, when ranchers repair what ever needs repaired, fencing, corrals or even waterholes. The tax payers pick up the tab. Meaning of course, the ranchers submit a bill for reimbursement to the forest service. This as already been admitted to me by both a rancher and a forest service employee. So I ask you, would this not be consider an environmental impact. Now I can assure you when I say many miles of rusty barbwire, I mean hundreds of miles of the stuff. I've attached photos of one area where I walked a fence line looking for an opening. On the inside of the area I walked there was at least a quarter mile of fence that was left on the ground and the new fence put up behind it. You can see that the wire was cleaned up near the road but as you walk back along the fence, the old wire is still there. Four to five strands of wire a quarter mile long equal well over a mile. Now this is one very small area when compared to the rest of the forest and I have seen this all along the reservation as well. Not to mention spools of wire laying on the ground that's never been used. Once again, you are required to do an environmental impact study, before implementing a Heber wild Horse Management Plan. Can you tell me sir, are the cattle part of this environmental impact study? Is anything that the ranchers do in the forest part of the environmental impact study? I ask you this due to the fact that it would appear that the real impact on the environment is being covered up and the horses are being blamed for what the cattle and rancher are doing. It is clear to see by the background of the pictures attached, that they are all different sections of the same area. I can't tell if the pictures are being attached so I'll just continue.

Thank you in advance for you responds.

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