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Comments: Wild Horses and Elk Sharing Water During the 2018 Severe Drought in the Sitgreaves

When water resources were scarce game camera photos captured proof of the horses and elk peacefully at the temporary water tanks. No guarding of water was done by either species.

The forest was closed due to a severe fire danger. In some areas of the forest no water was available. Cattle pasture fences prevented horses in those areas from migrating to find water. While the elk could leap the fences, the horses could not and were therefore trapped in dry areas. The Forest Service authorized a limited number of permits to citizen volunteers to haul water to the temporary water tanks the volunteers had taken into the forest.

I am hereby submitting the attached photos for the administrative record of Heber herd wild horses and elk peacefully at the temporary water tanks during the drought of 2018.

Attachment: Photograph 1

Attachment: Photograph 2

Attachment: Photograph 3

Attachment: Photograph 4

Attachment: Photograph 5

Attachment: Photograph 6