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Comments: I hereby submit the following information and attachments for the administrative record.

When reading through the HWHT management plan and EA one would assume that the Forest Service considers the health and condition of the riparian areas to be of significant importance. A word search of the EA document reveals the word "riparian" is mentioned 175 times. The word "riparian" comes up 30 times in the management plan.

But where has the concern for the riparian areas been throughout the years? The Gentry riparian exclosure fence had been in disrepair for extended periods of time. Evidence of elk, deer, and cattle can be found throughout. Yet not until very recently was the fence mended. The downed gate and fencing did not go unnoticed by the public. Was the repair work just more of the Forest Service dotting the i's and crossing the t's in preparation of the HWHT management plan release?

While the Forest Service uses the pretense of removing the Heber wild horses in an effort to improve the health of the forest, it's not really about the health of the forest. It's never been about the health of the forest. It's all about what it's always been all about and that's the exploitation of the our federal lands, our Sitgreaves forest for public lands ranchers and their privately owned cattle.

An example: A cattle rancher wants to sell his grazing lease but complains about the elk, juniper, and wild horses making his lease less appealing and less profitable in a sale. So what does the Forest Service do? They kowtow to the rancher and arrange for the capture and removal of America's wild horses. And then they go about ripping out the juniper. And who pays for it? The American tax payers. The U.S. Forest Service is mandated by federal law to protect and preserve the wild horses. Do your job! Develop a HWHT management plan that protects and preserves the Heber wild horse herd. The cattle are only there by permit. The horses are designated to be there.

Permit: to allow (something) to happen

Designate: officially assign a specified status or ascribe a specified name or quality to

Attachment m1 - Photograph

Attachment m2 - Photograph

Attachment m3 - Photograph

Attachment m4 - Photograph

Attachment m5 - Photograph

Attachment m6 - Photograph

Attachment m7 - Photograph

Attachment October 29 2017 Gentry Riparian Area - Photograph

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