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Comments: I am hereby submitting the following information and attachments for the Administrative Record.

Proposed Water Tanks

The EA shows 8 proposed water tanks.

Six of the proposed water tanks are in areas within the Territory where the horses have no access due to cattle pasture/allotment fences and the natural terrain making it impossible for the horses to access those areas of the HWHT.

Two proposed water tanks are in areas where the horses have access but proposed tank locations are in proposed corrals. That indicates the tanks would be for captured wild horses.

It is very clear that none of the proposed water tanks that are in the EA for the HWHT are for the benefit of the horses. The two in the corrals are for trapping or capturing wild horses. That certainly does NOT benefit them. The other 6 are in areas that the horses have no access to, also no benefit to them.

The livestock numbers are being planned to increase from 25% to 35%. The EA makes clear that an increase of cattle in our forest with more forage going to more cattle is on the horizon: "by making half of the total available forage (989,063 pounds) available for the wild horses, the current obligation of 506,000 pounds of forage for permitted livestock use is still met, and there would be an additional 483,063 pounds of the available forage for wildlife (beyond that currently utilizing the area) or for future adjustments in the livestock grazing level." Everything is being planned for more cattle and less horses. The Forest Service is thumbing its nose at the WH&B Act and at the majority of Americans who value our wild horses and want them to be protected, not destroyed by a government agency who bends over backwards to pander to the public lands ranchers.

Six of the proposed tanks are in pastures that cattle have access to but the horses do not. It appears the Forest Service is preparing for more drought situations in the future but only as far as how improvements they make will help the ranchers. This whole hot mess of a management plan is clearly for the benefit of the public lands ranchers while being to the detriment of the Heber wild horse herd.

This management plan is lacking in facts and data and on top of that it is devious.

I support NO ACTION

See attachments

Attachment 1: image

Attachment 2: image