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Comments: In your environmental assessment of the Heber and Black Canyon Allotments, which also includes the Heber Wild Horse Territory, please include the environmental impact of the masses and masses of discarded, rusty barbed wire left behind by ranchers when they repaired or replaced fencing. The hazard this poses to the wild horses and other wildlife is important, as well as the danger to hikers, campers, domestic animals, horseback riders, etc. There is an open and obvious negative impact on the overall health of the forest and its multi-use purpose. This is within the scope of this project. I've attached 2 photos, which show only a small example of discarded barbed wire which is strewn in abundance throughout the Sitgreaves National Forest. Allotment permittees should be **REQUIRED** to remove old barbed wire and not just throw it on the forest floor. These "alleged" good stewards of the forest are not being very good stewards at all, and allowing this to occur is a significant oversight on the part of the Forest Service.