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Comments: I just want to be sure that on July 14, 2019, I sent Ms. Prather some information related to the concerns that I had and the main concern is the level of utilization is occurring on the forest as a result of overpopulation of elk utilization and feral horses. One of the feedbacks that I got on as far as the horses are concerned. Which are migrating off the reservation now for the last well, since the 70's, is that the combination of those two prior to the livestock even being permitted on the forest is between 80 and 90% utilization from have drastic having a drastic effect on the vegetation that's out there. In a way, that's something that I think has to be addressed, I don't, Feral horses in the I was involved in the Development of the plan in 1986. And we addressed that at that time. Not to the level we should have but the feral horses were gathered in coordination with the BIA. And this state gaming not the state game and fish department in the livestock, the state livestock board. That hasn't happened in a long-time and just great concern there and comment was made to me by Miss Prather at the time that I gave you this letter is that there are people who, two or three people, in the cloud cross vicinity, that they're interested in seeing feral horses, which they called wild horses, which they aren't, And that's something's that to be dealt with in the monitor and it hasn't been and the other thing that I'll say and then I'll summarize is that as far as undesirable plants, noxious weeds I was in charge of that in the regional office and develop the program for the region, three as a regional range conservationist. It relates back to the use of herbicides, have to be used to deal with this issue and I'm hoping like we did in the early in the late 80s using herbicides on spruce bud warm in the cloud crop area. That will be addressed in detail, because without that and my years of experience, not only at the forest level but at nationally in dealing with undesirable and noxious specie is, it has to be you have to have it to be successful, what you're going to do in a forest that is inundated with noxious weeds at this time and I'm again hoping that the use of herbicides, are going to be permitted if not we're going to lose it it's basically lost to a certain extent anywhere. I think we have to be working with the BIA. And the BLM and the others that private landowners within the confines of the thinking National Forest to get these under containment where we can least manage it, and some sort the same with the old population and the feral horses those three items that I just mentioned are a huge impact on you being able to meet desired conditions of any kind.