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Comments: I respectfully object to the current proposal to construct a fence along the Uranium Road, as it is neither practical nor cost-effective. The proposal in effect would still require "dead ends" in the fence and would cause significant additional measures by the Forest Service to address the same issues.

A more sensible and efficient solution would be to rebuild and extend the existing fence south through the bottom of the draw, which is the area where cattle have historically escaped. This alternative would address the actual problem directly while requiring less construction and maintenance over time.

The current proposal would likely double the costs due to the increased length of fencing required and the challenges associated with constructing a crooked fence along the proposed route. Maintaining such a fence would also prove significantly more difficult. Furthermore, a Forest Service employee has walked the fence line where the cattle currently escape and confirmed its location, supporting the practicality of rebuilding and extending the existing fence in that area.

I urge the Forest Service to reconsider the proposal and evaluate the benefits of repairing and extending the existing fence line instead.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.