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RE: Comanche and Cimarron National Grassland Draft Assessment

United States Forest Service:

I am writing in response to the NFS Draft Assessment.

P. 198-199/1510 States: "The Comanche National Grassland currently authorizes four permittees to graze livestock on the Carrizo Unit and one on the Timpas Unit: Campo Grazing Association (CGA), Pritchett Grazing Association (PGA), Kim Grazing Association (KGA) and Timpas Grazing District (TGD), respectively. These Comanche Grazing Associations and District were formed in the mid- to late 1970s and are made up of a membership that is governed by an elected Board." "Individual members of the Associations and Comanche District are responsible for the maintenance of their designated range improvements."

"Economic contributions from grazing activities on the Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands are the largest for any activity or multiple use presently occurring on the Grasslands."

My Response:

As President of The Timpas Grazing District, I question why not one of these Grazing Districts was not consulted for this assessment. We are really the only "Boots on the Ground" in the Comanche National Grasslands. At the final zoom meeting with FS personnel, I asked the question, "Who are your partners?" I received a very vague, and unclear answer, so I followed up my first question with another question: "Are we, The Timpas Grazing District considered your partners?" The answer was a weak, "Yes."

My concern is: If the TGD is considered a partner in this project, would not that mean that someone asked the permittees about conditions, grazing plans, infrastructure, such as water management and availability? That, however, is not what happened. Not one person from TGD was contacted. The people on the land were totally left out. Is that just an oversight, or is that by design? It feels as if we were purposely left out of this assessment.

My wife and I are also members of Southern Colorado Livestock Association, and Colorado Independent CattleGrowers Association. Not one of those livestock associations have been contacted, or brought into this process. By your own admission, grazing activities on the CNG are the largest economic contributors for any use, but not one person involved in this activity was involved in this assessment.

This is just one of many omissions and inconsistencies in this draft plan. Because of this, and many other statements like it, I request that this assessment be rewritten, maybe by people who have lived on the Grasslands, and are knowledgeable about the high desert in which we live and operate very effectively.

Sincerely,

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President, Timpas Grazing District