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Comments: For the Administration Record, I am submitting these Agreements between Forest Service and ranchers for the unlawful removal of Heber Wild Horses in 1988 and 1989. We know that they were "unbranded", "wild" horses that had been on the National Forest lands at least since 1967 (prior to the passage of the 1971 Wild and Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act - Public Law 92-195), because in Doy Reidhead's Oral Interview (previously submitted to the Administrative Record), he states that "wild, unbranded" horses were on the Gibson Ranch permitted lands (public lands of the United States) when he purchased the Gibson Ranch permit in 1983, and he says they had been there since 1967 (he says they were there since 1967; however, historical documents and records show the wild horses were here long before 1967). The 1988 removal Agreement was issued to Doy Reidhead. I know this, because I also have the unredacted document. I believe the May 1989 redacted Agreement was issued to Steve Bragg out of California, because he purchased the Gibson Ranch grazing permit from Doy Reidhead in 1988. Also, one redacted version shows the person's name begins with an "S" and the last name ends with "gg". There was also an unlawful removal of wild horses in 1974 (previously submitted to the Administrative Record). These were unlawful removals, because they violated the law under the definition of "wild free-roaming horses" protected from "capture, branding, harassment, or death" by the 1971 Wild and Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act.

Attachment: Redacted HWH Removal Agreement May 1988

Attachment: Redacted HWH Removal Agreement Map 1989

Attachment: Unredacted HWH Removal Agreement Map 1988