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Let's get serious. We, "the public," are being asked to submit comments to your office on the about our feelings regarding the use of our public land under the jurisdiction of the Lander, WY BLM Field Office. And here's where we need to be serious: does anyone there at the Lander BLM Field Office, or BLM anywhere, ever actually read these comments, and if they do, do they ever take them into consideration? That's the first question that needs answering because as you may well know, the BLM has a terrible reputation for announcing to the world that "they don't have time" to read the letters they receive. I sincerely hope this is not the case in Lander, and that someone is actually reading and keeping track of how many people are saying what…and that the received letters will be available for viewing by anyone who asks to see them. I am first in line for that.

Now, I am not going to try to educate you on what you should already be educated on—key word being "should." Actually, I have no doubt that you at the BLM are well educated on what's what, and yet from all appearances it seems that you are bent on doing whatever you please, regardless of what you know, regardless of the will of the people, and regardless of any concern for the welfare of the land itself. Could pay-offs have entered the picture?

It is a known fact that 97% of the land in this planning area is consecrated to commercial livestock grazing—which costs the taxpayers additional monies in grazing subsidies. Only 25% of the land in this planning area is designated as wild horse habitat—and at that this habitat must also be shared with all of the cattle. What is wrong with this picture?

The wild horses cost taxpayers nothing in subsidy costs, they don't trample and desecrate the land the way the cattle do, and by law they are to have at least equal access, along with cattle, to this multi-use land. Why are the wild horses being sacrificed for the good of the cattle? I believe we all know the answer to that question—it's MONEY, GREED, and CORPORATE CATTLE RANCHING INTERESTS that are running the show. This is NOT in the best interests of anyone or anything, except the corporate cattle ranchers and those who are --"*perhaps" (ahem)*—being rewarded for their allegiance to them. I challenge you to come up with one thing that is right with this picture, because, as you know, at least if you're being honest, *nothing* is right about it—it's all rigged for the good of the money grubbers—the professionals and their retinue of hangers-on.

Wild horses have a legal right to the use of this land. Cattle, as animals, do not—it's their corporate rancher owners who are "buying the right" (not that it is anyone's to buy) to overrun and

ruin the land to the detriment of us all.

So, let's get serious and let's get real. The current RMP and EIS drafts do not provide any kind of adequate means for the protection or preservation of the wild horses as required by federal law. What's with that? I'm not going to run through the lengthy list of what you already have to know (but hoped no one would notice?) about the lacks of the current drafts, but if you want the list, just let me know and I'll send you the many pages that it takes to include them all.

Bottom line—get back to the drawing board and give the wild horses a fair shake! We the public care far more about them and their welfare than we do about making the corporate cattle ranchers richer--and at our considerable expense, no less. We own this land, and we pay your salaries. You work for the American people, not for Corporate Cattle Ranchers United---please start acting accordingly.

Is anyone reading this?

Sincerely,

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