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Dear Laura,

You and I had a conversation at our trap site yesterday and I mentioned I had some concerns about things you had mentioned on your January 22, 2013 blog concerning the Diamond Complex wild horse roundup. You said that if I would put those concerns in writing you would put them on your blog. This letter is to address my concerns.

You insinuate in your report that because of the Court ruling in the Owyhee Complex Federal Court case that gather operations are now different than what you have been observing on other previous gathers in Nevada. Quote “Observers report that the operation (to date) has gone in a slower fashion. That handling and removal (with the exception of one run) have been paced better and done with more care than observations at recent BLM operations in Nevada.” And later quote “WHE is encouraged by some of the reports so far: The trap appears to be moving more often (the trap going to horses instead of horses going to the trap greater and greater distances), the pace of loading and sorting is not rushed, the pace of animals coming to the trap appears more controlled.

You and your readers need to remember that our organization Cattoor Livestock Roundup, Inc is the contractor conducting this roundup. And that you yourself have not observed any of our roundups for at least a year and a half. The last one of our roundups that you attended was the Kiger gather in Oregon in July of 2011. We are not doing anything different on this gather than we do on any of our gathers. We are not doing things different because of your court case. What your observers are reporting is how we have always operated and how we will continue to operate.

Also you say you are still concerned about temperatures. Your blog refers to a -5 degree temperature and your statement insinuates horses may have been captured at below zero temperatures. They were not. Our helicopter pilot and the BLM COR have thermometers. All of our pick ups as well as the BLM vehicles, the LEO vehicles, the PAO vehicles, and the observer’s vehicles all have thermometers. But remember the vehicle temperatures don’t change once you stop moving and the temperatures are different in each one even at the same time and the same place.

Our policy is to carefully warm up our helicopters because cold weather is hard on them. Then we start herding animals when the temperature is zero or above. We have done this for over 37 years and have seen no ill affects on the animals from winter time gathers.

I would like to make one other point concerning your statement that the trap appears to be moving more often. We always try to put the trap as close to the animals as possible and we always try to consider the terrain, ground condition, and the condition of the animals. In an area such as this with good access this is easy to do. But sometimes this is not always possible. In some areas such as the Winnemucca part of the Owyhee Complex that you just attended the access is very limited. The wild horses must be herded out to where a trap can be built.

I appreciate your letting Cattoor Livestock Roundup, Inc address these concerns on your blog.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Cattoor".

Sue Cattoor, Secretary  
Cattoor Livestock Roundup, Inc.