

AFFIDAVIT
OF
Fred J. Wagstaff
State of Utah
County of Wasatch

I Fred J. Wagstaff being duly sworn on oath and under penalty of perjury do hereby swear or affirm that the assertions of this affidavit are true.

I Fred J. Wagstaff reside at 1900 east Oakhill Lane, Wallsburg, Ut and have there resided for the past five years.

In 1983 I was employed by the U.S. Forest Service as a research scientist stationed at the Shrub Sciences Laboratory, Provo, Utah. AS part of my official duties, I negotiated a cooperative research project with Dr. Bruce Godfrey of Utah State University located in Logan, Utah. The purpose of the study was to determine what happened to wild horses and burros adopted by private parties from the federal government under the provisions of the wild horse and burro act. This study plan was reviewed and approved by my project leader and officials at the Intermountain Research Station headquartered in Ogden, Utah and funding was approved. The cooperative research agreement was then signed by the Director of the Intermountain Research Station and Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station, Utah State University.

Before the study was fully underway I received word from Assistant Intermountain Research Station Director R. Duane Lloyd that Bobby Williamson, Director of Range Management in the Washington Office, of the Forest Service had demanded that the study be stopped immediately. At this time, no specific reasons were given for halting the study. I immediately contacted Dr. Godfrey and told him we could not proceed with the study. I was instructed to not tell him the reason by to say funding had been cancelled. Work on the joint project was then stopped.

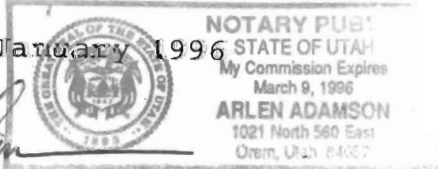
In February of 1984 while attending the Society for Range Management annual meeting in Rapid City South Dakota I talked with Mr. Williamson about this study and asked why it was so offensive to him. He told me that no one would use Forest Service funds to do a study like this while he was Director of Range Management. He stated there were some things the public shouldn't know and that as far as he was concerned, it was important that the truth about the wild horses and Burros which had been adopted not reach the public. He further stated that if I valued my career I had better avoid any controversial subjects in future research studies.

Subscribed and Sworn before me

Further affiant sayeth not...

this ^{19th} day of January 1996

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Notary Public