

ATTACHMENT 1

POSITION STATEMENT OF PRIVATE LANDOWNERS AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED ELK INTRODUCTION IN THE JARBIDGE MOUNTAINS.

We recognize the necessity to restate our position on this matter because of the inaccurate statements and misrepresentations made by the Forest Service in response to the request for a stay and the conditional appeal.

When the 71 Association signed off on the 6PA, it was based on the reasonable assumption the Forest Service would prepare an adequate EA or EIS. We do not think the EA that was prepared is adequate and the points that were raised needed to be answered prior to any elk release. We are very disappointed with the Forest Service for denying the story and consider it a breach of trust with the ranchers and landowners who have negotiated in good faith.

We understand the considerable cost to NDDW and others for this project but consider it foolish to make the expenditure until the appeal is settled and the TIA is completed. To say the negative associated impacts have been effectively mitigated is not fair or accurate.

Horace Smith was listed as an appellant. His son-in-law asked that Cottonwood Ranch be included because of negative impacts elk would have on the ranch. Also note on 8-17-87, Horace Smith did sign the "71" position statement on an elk introduction in the Jarbidge mountains.

It is unfortunate the Forest Service denied the stay because at one time there was an opportunity for broad based rancher and private landowner support for the introduction. Denying the stay action may have jeopardized that possibility. We received formal notification that the stay was denied on the same day that the elk were released. This action precluded any additional or further appeal we might have had regarding the release of the elk.

We are in full support of the ranchers who filed the conditional appeal to the proposed introduction. We are also in full support of the ranchers who asked that a TIA [taking inventory assessment] be completed before the elk release.

Signed,

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WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, AFFIRM OUR POSITION TO THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE, AND OTHER AGENCIES AND GROUPS, WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE ELK IN THE AREA SURROUNDED BY OUR RANCHING OPERATIONS.

1. WE AGREE WITH THE CONCEPT OF MULTIPLE-USE OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCE, AND THAT WILDLIFE ARE AN IMPORTANT USE OF THIS RESOURCE.
2. THE "EXCELLENT ELK HABITAT" REFERRED TO IN THE PROPOSAL IS A RESULT OF GOOD MANAGEMENT BY THE LIVESTOCK OPERATORS IN COOPERATION WITH THE PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES.
3. OUR PRIVATE LANDS PROVIDE HABITAT NEEDS OF THE WILDLIFE POPULATION AT PRESENT. THIS RESOURCE IS PROVIDED AND ENJOYED BY THE SPORTSMEN WITH VERY LITTLE, IF ANY, ECONOMIC RETURN TO THE PRIVATE LANDOWNER.
4. A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, AND THE SPORTSMEN, IS ESSENTIAL TO PROVIDE GOOD WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT.
5. THE PROPOSAL IS AN "INTRODUCTION" OF ELK TO THE AREA SINCE ELK DID NOT OCCUPY THIS AREA HISTORICALLY.
6. THE ELK MANAGEMENT PLAN PROPOSED BY THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE DOES NOT MINIMIZE THE POTENTIAL NEGATIVE IMPACTS TO THE LANDOWNERS.
7. WE WOULD CONCUR WITH AN ELK RELEASE PROPOSAL ONLY UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:
 - A. THERE WOULD BE NO RESIDENT ELK HERD ESTABLISHED IN IDAHO RESULTING FROM A MIGRATION OF NEVADA ELK.
 - B. THE PRIVATE LANDOWNER WOULD BE REIMBURSED FOR ANY AND ALL DAMAGES ATTRIBUTED TO THE ELK HERD.
 - C. THE PRIVATE LANDOWNER WOULD BE PAID FOR ANY FORAGE PROVIDED FOR ELK FROM PRIVATE LANDS.
 - D. LIVESTOCK USE ON GRAZING ALLOTMENTS WOULD HAVE PRIORITY OVER ELK USE.
 - E. THE INTRODUCTION OF ELK WILL NOT JEOPARDIZE DOMESTIC LIVESTOCK PERMITS AND LICENSED ANIMAL UNIT MONTHS.
 - F. MULE DEER WILL RETAIN MANAGEMENT EMPHASIS AND PRIORITY OVER ELK.

- G. A COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF LANDOWNERS AND SPORTSMEN BE FORMED TO MAKE DECISIONS REGARDING THIS ELK HERD.
- H. AN ABSOLUTE UPPER LIMIT BE ESTABLISHED ON ELK NUMBERS.
- I. ANY ELK MAKING USE OF STANDING OR STORED CROPS WOULD BE ELIMINATED.
- J. THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE MUST BE WILLING TO ALLOW IMPROVEMENT PRACTICES WHICH WILL PROVIDE AN INCENTIVE FOR CONTINUED GOOD MANAGEMENT.
- K. ALL ELK TRANSPLANTED MUST BE CERTIFIED DISEASE FREE BY THE STATE VET., AND COMPLY WITH THE SAME LAWS AND REGULATIONS AS DOMESTIC LIVESTOCK WHILE IN TRANSIT.
- L. A VALID AND BINDING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BE WRITTEN AND SIGNED BY ALL PARTIES CONCERNED. THIS AGREEMENT MUST COVER ALL ASPECTS OF THE ELK MANAGEMENT PLAN WITH SPECIFIC ACTIONS IDENTIFIED. IT WILL BE SIGNED BY THE FOLLOWING PARTIES:

THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE
U.S. FOREST SERVICE
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IDAHO BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
NEVADA BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
PRIVATE LANDOWNERS REPRESENTATIVE
SPORTSMEN REPRESENTATIVE

SIGNATURE PAGE

	DATE
DIAMOND A RANCH CO.	George J. [unclear] 8-11-87
	Robert [unclear] 8-16-87
BRACKETT LIVESTOCK	Best Brackett 8-17-87
	Woy Brackett 8-17-87
SUMMER CAMP RANCH	Edo Brackett 8/17/87
	P.E. Brackett Cattle Co.
GARDEN OF EDEN CATTLE CO.	Calvin Jones 8-14-87
VALLE VISTA RANCH	[unclear] 8-11-87
	Will W. Kern 8-14-87
BLICK RANCHES	B. W. R. Ranches 8-14-87
	Henry Blick
SEVEN TRIANGLE RANCH	Alfay R Adams 8-14-87
	William R Adams 8-14-87
DEVIL CREEK RANCH	Richard K. Patrick 8/16/87
	Arnold Stever 8/16/87
SWAN LAND AND LIVESTOCK	J. M. Swan 8/16/87
	George F. Swan 8/16/87
GUERRY INC.	Michael J. Guerry 8-15-87
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HARVEY BLOSSOM

Harvey Blossom 8/16/87
 Leola Blossom 8/16/87

DON RAMSEYER

Ramseyer Cattle Co 8/16/87
 Don Ramseyer

BARINAGA & SON RANCHES

Marilyn R. Barinaga 8-16-87

FRED JONES

Fred Jones 8-22-87

CHESTER MAHANNAH

C. J. Mahannah 8-16-87
 Chester Mahannah 8-16-87

TEWS ANGUS FARMS

Ronald Tews 8-15-87

HAWKS AND SON

Hawks & Son 8-17-87
 Vernon Hawks

BELL BRAND RANCH

Robert Hawks
 Quentin Kelley - mgr Bell Brand Ranch 8/17/87

HORACE SMITH

Horace E. Smith 8-17-87

WILLIAM B. GIBBS

William B. Gibbs 8-17-87
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BOIES RANCH

Marla Boies Siswood 8/17/87

HOWARD RANCHES

J.R. Howard 8/18/87
Grace Howard 8/18/87

VERLAND STOWELL

Stowell Ranch
By Sam Stowell 8/18/87

FRANK PRUNTY

Frank Prunty 8/18/87
Marjorie Prunty 8/18/87

FRANK AINLEY

Frank Ainley 8-18-87

WILLIAM DROWN

William Drown 8/16/87

MARYS RIVER RANCH

William B Wright Jr.

SALMON RIVER CATTLE CO.

Neil Stegeman, Pres.
Dave Christ Man.