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Cory I cannot express in words how upset I am with the NDOW comments on the Sage Grouse EIS. Comments #8, 23, 24, 35, 42, 43, 44, 60, 61, and especially galling, #62, seem deliberately designed to attack livestock grazing and make its near elimination the primary focus of "restoring" the habitat.

I am especially offended by #62 as they ask in a smart-ass fashion whether there is any proof or scientific support to show livestock grazing can reduce fire hazard. There are papers galore by highly qualified range scientists that show conclusively grazing and the absence of grazing are directly linked to fires/no fires. My own paper on this exact issue in which I quoted extensively from the highly educated range scientists directly is a quick example.

This NDOW debacle needed to be FULLY WITHDRAWN and EXPUNGED immediately as it will be used to undermine the otherwise team effort put forth by the other agencies.

I simply cannot believe this kind of blatant petty "my way or the highway" type of paper would be allowed to get by you. Who is actually in charge over there? Did you read and approve of this? Are you providing any leadership by assuring Nevada presents a united front?

This is the kind of indefensible action by a government agency that can kill the economy in the seven counties I represent.

Your immediate attention to this is required. Please do not let us down.

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