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Dear Mr Graves,

RE MONTANA ALLOTMENT

I am writing to enter the following complaint into the project record for the Montana Allotment.

On Friday June 1st, on-site inspection of the allotment revealed there had been grazing in clear violation of allowable use standards in California Gulch at 12R 0476948/ UTM 3479534 and 12R 0477206/ UTM 3478677.

The site inspection also revealed two breaks in the west fence of the Sonoran Chub enclosure in California Gulch, where cattle appear to have been let into the enclosure from Warsaw pasture. Just inside the enclosure was evidence of recent cattle grazing and manure at 12R 0476168/ UTM 3472915. There were however, no breaks in the US-Mexico border fence of the enclosure.

Site inspection also revealed cattle in areas of flowering agaves with clear evidence of broken agave stalks at 12R 0476788/ UTM 3478677 and 12R 0476588/ UTM 3480001.

The Center has video evidence of the above violations.

By continuing to allow such flagrant abuse of our public resources, your office is failing to comply with the Endangered Species Act and the Coronado Forest Plan. We ask that you move immediately to apply your existing administrative authority to suspend or cancel grazing privileges to the permittee of the Montana allotment, and to institute immediate restoration and protection of these damaged resource areas for listed species the Sonora Chub and Lesser Long Nosed Bat as well as other sensitive, management indicator and game species that may be affected by these violations of resource protection laws.

We expect the courtesy of a prompt written response to our complaint.

Sincerely,

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