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From: [Roni Bell](#)
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2010 7:03 PM
Subject: Latest enviro attack on public lands grazing...

Have you seen the latest enviro attack on public lands grazing?

On June 4, 2010, Center for Bio Diversity, WWP, WildEarth Guardians and others sued the BLM and Forest Service over the federal lands grazing fee. Although the complaint is only based upon the failure of the BLM and FS to respond to a petition for rulemaking, what the environmental groups really want is for the agencies to do a NEPA document (EIS or EA) that would find that the grazing fee paid by public lands ranchers does not pay for the federal government's program costs, so raise the fee to price ranchers out of business.

The facts in the complaint includes substantive comments such as (1) cattle produces methane gas, equivalent to CO2 emissions from over 7000,000 passenger vehicles, (2) cattle trample vegetation, stream banks, etc. (3) federal lands grazing only produces 3% of the beef produced in the US (4) cattle are an adverse factor for threatened or endangered species, (5) the current fee does not achieve the objective of recovering program costs nor provide an incentive for better management, and others.

The request for relief is that the FS and BLM respond to the enviros petition for rulemaking and do NEPA analysis prior to setting the grazing fee.

I have attached a copy of the complaint to this e-mail in case you haven't seen it. Since I hadn't seen much press on this, I wanted to be sure you had it.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

<p>CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY 1333 N. Oracle Road Tucson, AZ 85705;</p> <p>WESTERN WATERSHEDS PROJECT 1415 East Fork Road Clayton, ID 83227;</p> <p>WILDEARTH GUARDIANS 312 Montezuma Avenue Santa Fe, NM 87501;</p> <p>OREGON NATURAL DESERT ASSOCIATION 33 NW Irving Avenue Bend, OR 97701;</p> <p>GREAT OLD BROADS FOR WILDERNESS 605 E. 7th Avenue Durango, CO 81301,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plaintiffs,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">vs.</p> <p>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR 1849 C Street NW Washington, DC 20240;</p> <p>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 1400 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20250;</p> <p>U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT 1849 C Street NW Washington DC 20240;</p> <p>U.S. FOREST SERVICE 1400 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20250,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Defendants.</p>	<p>Case No. _____</p> <p>COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF</p>
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