



Mr. Tim Smith
Southern Nevada District Manager – BLM
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Re: Observation of Trespass Cattle at Gold Butte

Dear Mr. Smith:

On May 1, while escorting an associated editor for Harper's Magazine to the Gold Butte area, I observed three bulls just off the Gold Butte Scenic Backcountry Byway, coordinates N 36 27.082, W 114 09.046.

I have attached photos showing at least one brand.

Passing in the vicinity of the Bundy Ranch we passed through 2 "checkpoints", but didn't feel threatened.

As we discussed on a recent call, I am at a loss for why the BLM cannot send its employees out to the area in unmarked vehicles to ensure at a bare minimum the cultural and biological resources of the area are safe and protected.

Once you are aware of what course the agency will take to remove the trespass cattle, I'd appreciate a call or meeting.

Sincerely,

Rob Mrowka
Senior Scientist

