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Mr. Jeff Burgess
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Dear Mr. Burgess:

The last 10 acres of private land, the Brushiest Allotment's headquarters, has been exchanged and is now public land and part of the Tonto National Forest. The Brushiest Allotment grazing permit has been relinquished to the Tonto National Forest. This is the status I have worked toward for a number of years and I have no plans to reissue the permit.

In partnership with the permittee on the Pinto Creek Allotment, L. R. Layton, we have developed riparian pastures on nearly all of Pinto Creek within this allotment. The only piece left is at the headquarters and is primarily on private land. These pastures are for winter use or for short periods of use when working cattle. We have had some problems with gates being left open, especially near the mine, and have had some of the cattle from the mine tailings reclamation project get into the creek. The mine has been equally concerned about this and I hope the problem is past.

One of the mitigation projects in the Carlota Mine proposal is funding from Carlota to maintain the springs within the Brushiest Allotment to provide water for wildlife. If Carlota goes forward, the Forest Service will receive these funds and maintain the springs during the 20-year life of the mine.

Sincerely,

LARRY WIDNER
District Ranger

