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## Letter to File

On 12/02/2021, Deputy Ranger, Alex Schlueter, shared with me the "Verde River Season '21-22 Trip Report #2". Within that report, livestock with yellow ear tags, were seen near the confluence of Verde River and Red Creek. Red Creek Permittee was currently at the district office for an unrelated issue with Ranger Grondin. Ranger Grondin passed on the information to the permittee direct and stated that I would follow up with an email within the next 24-48 hours.

Mile 40.3, 3 black cattle were observed on river right; I was seen to have a yellow tag in its right ear.

This sighting occurred at N 34.167895, W 111.712710.

Mile 40.5, A fire pit was treated and trash was removed at the confluence with Red Creek. 5 cattle were also seen, also with yellow ear tags.

On 12/3/2021, I sent an email to Red Creek Permittee with the information that was shared in the River Rangers Report. This information included a KMZ file, which could be loaded into Google Earth, and the report. Late afternoon on 12/3, Red Creek Permittee called and left a voicemail that said, when he looked at the GPS point that I provided to him, the cows were south of the confluence. I sent a follow though email on 12/4/2021, clarifying that the cows seen were in fact in the Wild and Scenic Corridor. Information provided to him was more KMZ files and a map for locations.

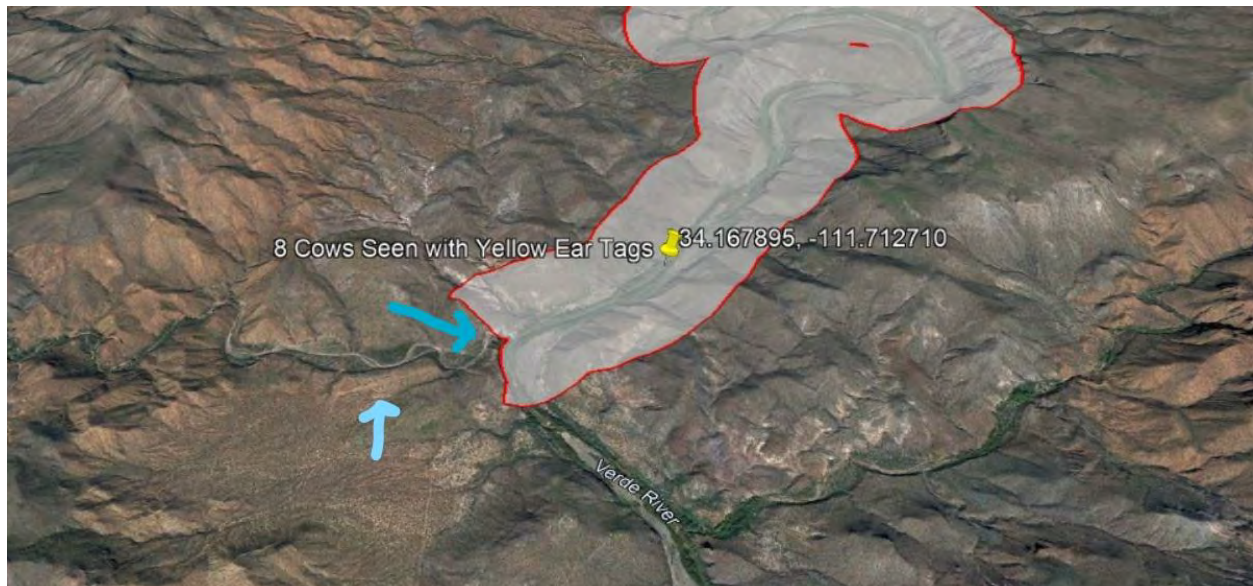


Figure 1: The light blue arrow is the Air Strip and the dark blue Arrow points to the confluence. The red outlined polygon is the Wild and Scenic Corridor.

Red Creek Permittee called on 12/08/2021, saying that the cows were collected off the Verde River (Wild and Scenic) and put into Palo Verde Holding Trap near the air strip. He will be moving them to Mustang over the next 2 days. River Rangers next trip in a couple of days and will verify animals removed.

Verde River Season '21-22 Trip Report #4 (12/10 to 12/18), did not mention of livestock near the confluence of Red Creek and Verde River, indicating the cows have been removed. 3 head of livestock were seen south of the Wild and Scenic Corridor, closer to Tangle Creek. The permittee was made aware of this via phone call.

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