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STAFF REPORT

Title

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Problem

Horses are starting to die at Cedar Wells as a result of lack of water.

Discussion

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Water samples were taken (results not known). However, I investigated on July 16, 1986 and have determined the deaths to be a result of not enough water for all animals within the area. The new troughs which were installed on June 28, 1986 were working fine and approximately one gallon per minute of water flows into the troughs. Horses did not go readily to the new troughs at first and some horses still are standing around the reservoirs even though there is only a very small seepage of water available for their consumption. When I arrived at Cedar Wells there were close to 200-250 head of horses standing around. Several groups were at each of the three reservoirs and one large group at the new troughs. A lot of the animals showed extreme stress from lack of water, their movements were slow and almost staggering. Their flanks were completely drawn in with ribs starting to show. As I walked through the area, all the animals started to move eastward down into the flat. About 150 head stopped about 3/4 to one mile away and watched. I counted 13 dead animals all of different stages of decomposition. We talked with the Air Force several times about the possibility of them hauling some water to the reservoirs but they refused, on orders from their commander.