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To All Commisioners

Approximately 14 years ago Fish and Wildlife allowed the planting of 14 Tule Elk in Priest Valley. Today, the heard is approx. 200 to 300 animals in size. The ranchers can grow no crops as the elk eat what they plant and what is growing. Not to mention the damages to fences. Landowners have met or communicated with Fish and Wildlife for the last 5 years or so. The last was a meeting here at my house in the fall of 2013. Jeff Cann of the Monterey office attended. he said their hands are tied as they have no tools to manage the herd.

I'm asking you to look into the problem and come up with regulations that will allow the herd to be managed. The herd is all on private property, none are on public lands. The herd is now probably increasing 40 head a year and will continue to grow unless it is managed. The state of Calif. approved this herd and must be required to be responsible in it's control.

We are very frustrated as don't know where to ask for help next. Please help or direct us to where something concrete can take place.

I realize you receive many e-mails, but, please contact me as to what we can do next.

Thanks for your time.

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