

## DECLARATION OF LAURA LEIGH

I, LAURA LEIGH, declare under penalty of perjury, the following:

1. I am the Plaintiff in this matter. I make this Declaration in support of the restraining orders filed September 24, 2010. I am personally familiar with the facts set forth herein except for those facts stated on information and belief and as to those facts, I believe them to be true.
2. I incorporate all statements in previous Declarations.
3. I learned of the Sheldon round up after receiving a telephone call from Katie Fite. She told me that she was traveling in Sheldon and the roads were blocked for a wild horse round up.
4. I received a call from Leslie Peebles about another matter. I asked her if she could check on the situation in Sheldon, an area with which I am very familiar. She agreed and I gave her the information necessary to see what was transpiring at Sheldon.
5. Leslie Peebles remained in constant telephone contact with me when she had cell service, concerning her situation and whereabouts while traveling in and around Sheldon. She did so over concern for her safety.
6. In the past I had many conversations with Paul Steblien, Manager of Sheldon National wildlife Refuge, in conjunction with the management and disposition of wild horses taken from Sheldon. I was a Plaintiff in a lawsuit I dropped after Sheldon entered into an agreement with the BLM for cooperative management. It was Steblien's assurances and my impression, causing me to drop that suit, that Sheldon wild horses so removed would have greater protection from the "slaughter pipeline" and would be branded or marked as wild horses, and would be placed for adoptions cooperatively, through the BLM.
7. The disposition of horses from last year's wild horse roundup at Sheldon have never been revealed despite a Freedom of Information request ("FOIA") made through Friend's of Animals, for their disposition. That FOIA request was made approximately five months previously, April 2010. I am informed and believe Sheldon has not, as of this date, responded to that FOIA.

Exhibit 10

8. The disclosure of wild horse removal and roundup activities and the disposition of those wild horses so removed has remained secretive.

This declaration is made this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 2010.

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Laura Leigh, Declarant