

Silver King 3 October 2010

View of Observers and the trap is so far off in the distance it can only be viewed (barely) with high powered binoculars. We were told on our way in that observation area had not been chosen, yet trap set up Friday.



I did have a good view of the lease holders cows that were concerned by the helicopter.



Horses were run in plain view of the highway, through cattle, past a stock tank and ranch with windmill. Yet observers above the trap in the tree line would have created an "issue."



At temporary holding our view was the same as before and often obstructed by vehicles.



Horses were held in an alleyway as we were told there were not enough personnel to process. We were told that the next load was on its way. Three stallions and their mares, one with a significant facial injury waited 5 hours in the crowded alley with no attempt to sort or treat the wound, no water available. One observer became so distressed she had to leave.







About a half an hour prior to the arrival of the next shipment the same three personnel present the entire day treated and sorted.



The load arrived with foals that had stood on a trailer for 5 hours (some as long as 7 hours from their mothers). The doorway had a significant gap that had potential for serious injury.



Other injuries noted included less serious facial lacerations and injuries to feet. As bodies are not visible further evaluation is not possible.



Accompanied personnel to the setting of tomorrow's trap site to observe protocol. Observation area is chosen at the time trap is set.

