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to DEB, Chris, Jamie, Eileen, me, Sherry

Deb ~

Please look at the comment above Jeanne's and answer me on why you engage in comments apparently aimed at bullying me? You not only liked the comment but sent an encouraging message back.

what do you call it when you create posts deliberately excluding me?

oh! Is that how an alliance works for you?

what are any of you doing about the constant slander still happening to me and Gary?

i am not going to give up my friendship with Jeanne because she asks you questions that make you uncomfortable and you refuse to answer.

At this juncture, please let me know when you are truly ready to put all of the pettiness aside and work together - FOR THE HORSES.

Also - in case you missed it - NDBH already stated that they do NOT want to be a part of any alliance.

Chris

to Jamie, DEB, Chris, Eileen, me, Sherry

Jamie (and everyone else tagged in this email) ~

Quite honestly, I am tired of all the games. I don't have time for it. Believe it or not, you are not the only one who is busy and stretched for time.

Since you seem to have a short memory - please go back and look at the posts you made last week. Please show me your unity intentions - ESPECIALLY the one you made today.

Do you realize that the park thrives on all of this infighting? The BLM is well known for pitting organizations against each other. It is safe to assume that the NPS does too. Today you made their day with your post letting them, and all of your followers know, that none of us can come together to work in unity for the horses.

Good job!

Maybe that was your intent?

Either way, good job again!

I have heard several of you say how in private conversations you defend me and all the work I have done. I don't need anyone talking out of both sides of their mouths and THAT is what I see all of you doing. In private, you defend me, but when I make a post talking about how we are working together and how we had a GREAT talk after the rally, you untag yourself. My contact at AWHC was baffled at that. I told her, to me, it means that is NOT the same message you are giving your followers.

People want to know why we can't all work together. Our followers WANT us to work together.

It is truly a shame that none of us can find a way to work together. I can say with all my heart I tried. I tried when friends and other advocates told me to stop trying. FOR THE HORSES, I can try.

People also want to know why Senator Hoeven's office, Our ND Legislators, American Wild Horse Campaign, The MHA Nation, The Cloud Foundation, In Defense of Animals, ECI, AWE, OWHO, Save Our Wild Horses, Wild Horse Education, Scott Beckstead, Sandy Sharkey, Jen Britton, Craig Downer, Ross MacPhee, and so many others WILL work with CHWHA but none of you will.

So do I sit here and cry in my tea because the actual organizations that claim to love this herd of horses the most can't support the things we are doing to try to save these horses. Those things that anyone can easily see ARE making a difference to the fight to save this herd? Do I cry because none of you can agree to put our differences aside to work together save these horses?

No I can't and won't anymore.

If you can't see that the world is *literally* watching us and you look like fools, I don't know how else to explain things to you.

We have also had countless followers ask us if the silence on your pages is because you are all STILL working with the park and supporting their efforts to eliminate this

herd. My answer (because you asked last time Jamie) is that is a question they have to ask all of you.

NOT ONE OF YOU did a damn thing when we tried to get the ND legislators to help. As I told you when we met after the rally, Marylu actually almost fucked that up big time.

NOT ONE OF YOU did anything to support the 4-5 days we spent lobbying congress in Washington DC.

Those two things have been CRITICAL to the actual help that is coming forward MAINLY from SENATOR HOEVEN AND NONE OF YOU had ANYTHING to do with that. I can't even begin to tell you the amount of work that went into ANY OF that or how my personal life and our small business has been put behind efforts to save these horses.

WE ONLY GET ONE CHANCE TO SAVE THESE HORSES!!!

For the record, we DON'T have a bank full of money to fund all of this. We are literally fighting for every donated dollar to support actual work being done to save these horses. Do you realize that more than likely, this will be settled in federal litigation? It is the ONLY way to ensure the safety of these horses now and in the future. Do you have ANY idea what that will cost? Again, I am sorry if you take offense to us encouraging our followers to ask where their donations are going. I will say once again that if you find offense, look at yourself for the answer. Maybe it is because NONE of you are actively donating to help us save this herd? AND some of you are actively looking for donations AS IF you are doing anything to save this herd!

From where I sit, you still want to sit and criticize and yes, BULLY ME, the way you all have for years. You want to attach your names to CHWHA and attach your names to what is being done to save this herd but GOD FORBID if I mention that we are working together!

THE SHAME OF IT ALL!!!!

I have repeatedly asked myself
"WHAT THE FUCK IS WRONG WITH YOU, CHRIS?!"

What's wrong with me is I am tired. It has been 9 months of trying to keep people engaged, informed and educated about what is happening with the wild horses of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. It was been 9 months of meetings, phone calls, blog posts, calls to action and anything and everything else I can do to find a way to save these horses. It has been 9 months of fighting all of you who have been working so hard to discredit me and all the work I have been doing to try to save this herd.

I was so happy when we met. I hoped beyond hope that you guys would FINALLY step up and help me save this herd.

As they say, actions ALWAYS speak louder than words. I don't need a phone conversation with you. Your actions speak loud enough, thank you.

For the record - Sherry from NDBH has expressed that she wants to be kept in the loop as to what is happening with the horses. Sherry and I also had a great conversation at the rally. I am still hoping that once her life calms down, we can get together and continue our conversation. Marylu's only response and her added silence, speak volumes, and that is what I listen to. Again, if I am wrong, Marylu, I believe, is capable of speaking for herself to make that correction.

You also said in your last email: *"Going forward we will be extra careful not to interact with any negativity towards any group. We can promise that. If we do like something it's when people stick up for us, not for it to personally bash you. I hope you can understand that. "*

So it is ok if YOU engage with people sticking up for you, while bashing me, but it is NOT ok if engage with people sticking up for me, whether or not they bash you?

No Jamie, I can't even begin to understand that. My head hurts from trying.

Jeanne asked all of you a question months ago. She, and other followers, feel that they deserve an answer. As nonprofits, we answer to our followers. I can't and won't be held responsible for the actions of followers seeking answers to valid questions that none of you are satisfactorily answering for them. If you would take the time to answer, instead of blocking, deleting and hiding comments, it would go a long way to rebuild those relationships. BTW there is more than Jeannie (JT as you referenced her) asking questions.

Once again I will say, please let me know when you are truly ready to put all of the pettiness aside and work together - FOR THE HORSES. Then and only then will be I happy to have any further conversations with any of you.

Respectfully,
Chris

Sincerely,
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