

Dear Ms. Petter,

As a citizen of Carson City, I would like to share with you my experience of visiting the riparian corridor with Craig Downer and two other residents on Monday of this week. I was absolutely horrified to see garbage strewn all along the creek. Someone had defecated right on the edge of the stream and left the soiled toilet paper IN the water. Spent shotgun cartridges were everywhere together with broken bottles and other unspent rounds from a handgun. I picked up several strands of coiled barbed wire lying on the ground. Tent poles and plastic containers were strewn everywhere. It looked like a garbage dump with toxic wastes left in the water.

So it is with disbelief that people are concerned about the impacts of horses in the area! All the horses left was some nutrient rich manure NOT in the water, manure that will ultimately enhance the soil. I think it would be prudent to be concerned with the impacts humans are clearly having in the area, and feel nothing but pity for the horses who have to venture into this area just to quench their thirst.

Thank you,
Anamaria Boustred