MESSAGE FROM MITCH

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El Dorado Heights Homeowners:

Those of you that live along Favorite Gulch Road heard quite a commotion on Friday evening and enjoyed quite the show of a bunch of greenhorns moving cattle - it looked like a cattle drive at a dude ranch!

As a little background - Earlier in the week, about 50 of Winterborn's cattle (at times it seemed more like 500) found their way to the river along the lower end of Favorite Gulch. They were enjoying being near water and the well manicured lawns and landscaping of our neighbors down by the river.  On Thursday and Friday some of those neighbors showed up and started trying to get the cattle off of their lawns.  Their next stop was the irrigated alfalfa fields and cows found they weren't welcome there either.  The next idea was to push them up Favorite Gulch Road and into Favorite Gulch - with the hope they would settle in there till the Winterborns could retrieve them.  In the meantime we had contacted the Winterborn's and found that they were in the middle of haying and couldn't get here till next week.

Back to the cows - they decided they didn't like Favorite Gulch as much as the alfalfa fields and showed up at the cattle guard late afternoon on Friday with the intent of heading to the river and fresh alfalfa.  I was able to round up a few folks and move them back across the hill away from the river.  Instead of heading down into Favorite Gulch, the cows decided they wanted to stay on Favorite Gulch Road, so rather than just letting them disburse onto other homeowner properties, we decided to keep them going to the mailboxes and back on Winterborn's property (I really hope these are Winterborn's cattle)  A few more phone calls generated quite the collection of cowhands, horses, ATVs and trucks to keep them moving and for the most part, keep them on the road.  It was dark when we got to the mailboxes but we made it and hopefully we can all enjoy our Labor Day Weekend without being interrupted by cows coming to your barbeque.

As I was walking behind the cows, I couldn't help but be impressed with the willingness of our neighborhood to drop whatever they were doing on an otherwise beautiful Friday evening and join in to block driveways and keep the cows headed in the right direction.

Thanks to everyone who participated  and I hope you all have a wonderful Labor Day Weekend.

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