

Club News - Off-road Danger!

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It has been reported that the federal government plants explosive lethal cyanide devices at the edges of federal lands to kill coyotes and other wild animals. The devices look like survey stakes.

According to a February 3, 2008, article by Matthew Daly, which came through Associated Press channels in the *Washington Post*, a person riding an ATV in Utah's Cowboy Canyon touched

such a device in 2003 and was sprayed with the lethal poison. He has suffered serious health consequences since the incident.

There are two such devices, one known as M-44, the other, Compound 1080. They are distributed by Wildlife Services Agency, a part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The stated purpose of these devices is the protection of livestock.

Unfortunately, the devices do not differentiate between wild animals, livestock, your pet, or a human being, and all off-road folks and desert campers need to be aware.

You can check this information out for yourself online at (www.abcnews.go.com/Politics/WireStory?id=4166543&page=1), and let others know.

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