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I have not had a personal incident regarding this. Having run cattle on private land next to the Forest Service for 25 years I would say this could be a very costly situation.

The boundaries are usually fenced. Required by law. So livestock doesn't trespass. However we had many times citizens cut fences, drove over them and came on private ground. Leaving the fence down and letting livestock out onto thousands of unfenced federal ground.

That entailed days and days of hunting for them and paying to fix the damage. If access across a boundary is allowed. Then teeth must be in the law for those who choose to destroy the fences to cross and who let out livestock. I would suggest ten times the cost of repair and labor. Also include liability for animals hit on roads or highways they let out. Not just to who hit them, but the value of the livestock. Then you also have any sabotage act of any type that could occur including poison of livestock.

Thank you
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