



PEOPLE FOR  
THE ETHICAL  
TREATMENT  
OF ANIMALS

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Dear Mr. Zaslav,

On Sunday's episode of *River of No Return*, outfitter Ron Ens struck a tethered horse with a hammer. The animal was hitched to a wooden rail when Ens raised the hammer over his shoulder and pounded the horse's hindquarters.

We're stunned that the Discovery Channel would permit such flagrant animal abuse to appear on one of its shows, and we implore you to condemn Ens' disturbing act of cruelty by taking it off the air. Allowing Ens to appear in future episodes of *River of No Return* would set a dangerous precedent, effectively normalizing violence against animals.

PETA has submitted a formal complaint to the Lemhi County Sheriff's Office, urging authorities to investigate this incident, with consideration given to filing cruelty-to-animals charges, as appropriate, in accordance with state law.

May we please hear from you right away that the Discovery Channel will immediately pull this episode from its lineup and ensure that Ens doesn't appear in future programming? Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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