

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF WYOMING  
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

**DARWIN CRAWFORD**

(Counts 1 and 2)

and

**MARK ORCHARD,**

(Counts 1 and 2)

Defendants.

No.

23-CR-146-J

**Ct 1: 18 U.S.C. §§ 1361 and 2**

(Willful Injury & Depredation of  
Government Property)

**Ct 2: 43 U.S.C. § 1733(a), 18 U.S.C. §  
2 & 43 C.F.R. § 2920.1-2**

(Knowing & Willful Use of  
Public Lands in Violation of  
Interior Department Regulations)

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INDICTMENT

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THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

**COUNT ONE**

Between on or about April 30, 2018, and on or about May 17, 2018, in the District of Wyoming and on lands owned by the United States and administered by the Bureau of Land Management, the Defendants, **DARWIN CRAWFORD** and **MARK ORCHARD**, willfully committed a depredation against, injured, and caused to be injured property of the United States, in that they improperly and without lawful authority disposed of waste on lands belonging to the United States in an area known as the East Echo Springs Saltwater disposal facility located in Carbon County, Wyoming, thereby damaging the land in an amount exceeding \$1000.00.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1361 and 2.

**COUNT TWO**


Between on or about April 30, 2018, and on or about May 17, 2018, in the District of Wyoming and on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, the Defendants, **DARWIN CRAWFORD** and **MARK ORCHARD** knowingly and willfully used and caused to be used public lands belonging to the United States without authorization and in violation of the regulations issued by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States, in that the Defendants disposed of waste during commercial activity and without lawful authority of the Bureau of Land Management which caused appreciable damage and disturbance to the public lands and its resources in an area known as the East Echo Springs Saltwater disposal facility located in Carbon County, Wyoming.

In violation of 43 U.S.C. § 1733(a), 18 U.S.C. § 2, and 43 C.F.R. §§ 2920.1-2 and 9262.1.

A TRUE BILL:

Ink Signature on File with Clerk's Office

FOREPERSON

  
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ERIC HEIMANN  
Attorney for the United States,  
Acting under Authority Conferred by 28  
U.S.C. § 515

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**PENALTY SUMMARY**


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**DEFENDANT NAME:** **DARWIN CRAWFORD and MARK ORCHARD**

**DATE:** November 14, 2023

**INTERPRETER NEEDED:** No

**VICTIM(S):** Yes

**OFFENSE/PENALTIES:**

**Ct. 1:** **18 U.S.C. §§ 2, 1361**  
(Willful Injury & Depredation of Government Property)

Up To 10 Years Imprisonment  
Up To \$250,000 Fine  
Up To 3 Years Supervised Release  
\$100 Special Assessment  
Class "C" Felony

**Ct. 2:** **43 U.S.C. 1733(a), 18 U.S.C. § 2 & 43 C.F.R. § 2920.1-2**  
(Knowing & Willful Use of Public Lands in Violation of Interior Department Regulations)

Up To 1 Year Imprisonment  
Up To \$1,000 Fine  
Up To 1 Year Supervised Release  
\$25 Special Assessment  
Class "A" Misdemeanor

**TOTALS:** Up To 11 Years Imprisonment  
Up To \$251,000 Fine  
Up To 3 Years Supervised Release  
\$125 Special Assessment

**AGENTS:** Tom Hill, BLM  
Candace Urban and James Mercier, EPA

**AUSA:** Kerry J. Jacobson, Assistant United States Attorney  
Richard Baird, Special Assistant United States Attorney

**ESTIMATED TIME OF  
TRIAL:**

3 to 6 days

**WILL THE GOVERNMENT  
SEEK DETENTION IN THIS  
CASE:**

No

**ARE THERE DETAINERS  
FROM OTHER  
JURISDICTIONS:**

No