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Comments: I am filing an objection to the proposed removal of wild horses from the Spring Mts wild Horse and Burro Complex.

I do not believe that this is in the best interest of the protected horses.

At the Pahrump meeting Mr. Senior who goes into the area 2x weekly stated that there are very few horses spread over the area and even requested that some horses be returned to there.

The BLM estimate is way over inflated and if any are removed please do NO use the helicopter crews that are so infamous – the newspaper article states that they get paid %500 per horse dead or alive that they capture.

Certainly they do NOT care about the horse's wellbeing.

Also I do NOT believe in breaking up their family groups. You have offers from the Spring Mt Alliance to help capture them on horseback and keep family groups together. They also offered to help dart the mares to give them medicine that keeps them from being impregnated.

Most of all, I urge you to listen and take to heart the recommendation from the National Academy of Sciences report which says "leave them alone where they are living" and let nature cull them naturally. Please listen. Save our horses. Leave them wild. Let them live on the range free. Do not break their spirit by capturing them and placing them in concentration camps.

I am counting on you Randy and the Forest Service to make a difference. Please help our horses live freely in the Spring Mountains Complex.

Thank you,

Judy Hughes

Since July 15 was a Sunday, this objection period was extended to 1159 pm (PST) July 16, so I am expecting this objection to be legal according to the Pahrump informational meeting.