

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 3/1/2020 11:00:00 AM

First name: Sally

Last name: Gregor

Organization:

Title:

Comments: I have writing my comments in response to my recently reading the USFS scoping notice for the Heber Wild Horse Territory Management Plan. I am greatly disturbed by the fact that the USPS allows hundreds of cows to graze (public land) in the Heber Wild Horse Territory, but they want to restrict the number of horses, plus the plan to roundup ALL horses outside the Territory!

It am saddened and concerned when I hear AGAIN of the plight of these horses and burros especially the wild horse roundups which the BLM recently concluded in eastern Nevada. Again I find myself writing as a member of the public in support of our wild horses and burros.

My issues are listed below:

First, Let's honor Heber Herd by allowing them the allocated 50% of the forage in their own dedicated Territory. This would be in conformance with the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act.

Second, these horses and burros are WILD! Preserving natural wild horse behaviors is of foremost importance in wild horse management. Sex ratio skewing, castration, ovariectomy and fertility control that could alter the production of natural hormones should NOT be included in the plan.

Third, Volunteer organization would be more than willing to work with the USFS to implement a humane management and fertility control (use of PZP) that would allow these WILD horses on public land to live and die free. Also, fencing is impeding horses from fully utilizing much of territories allocated for them. In the area we visited fencing was very apparent. It has also come to my attention that there have been some discrepancies in the management plan in regard to mapping of Territory boundary. I am in agreement that the horse much have access to suitable habitat throughout the year, access to water, food, and shelter. In addition USFS needs to conduct a current census to confirm population.

Please listed to my pleas for these wild horses and burros to remain wild and free on America's public lands as intended by the WFRHBA; passed unanimously by Congress