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Comments: For the Administrative Record, I am submitting this 2010 article in the "Sonoran News" wherein it discusses the history of horses introduced on the Mogollon Rim as early as 1540. The article states, the color of these horses included: "These colors include chestnut, black, buckskin, gray and bay, the colors of many of the Apache Sitgreaves horses today." In the "Plan", there is no reference at all to preserving the genetic heritage of these horses. The Heber herd is well known for its magnificent buckskins, for example. As a matter of fact, many places in the area have "Buckskin" in their name. We have Grullos (gray), beautiful blacks like "Midnight" who was shot and killed on January 7th. His progeny are in this forest and local wild horse advocates know at least some of his progeny. The Forest Service's "Plan" calls simply for massive removal and birth control, with no regard whatsoever for preserving the heritage of these "protected" wild horses.

Attachment: 2010 Sonoran News Article re Wild Horses. Young Apache Sitgreaves wild black stallion with his herd. Compelling evidence discovered dating first introduction of Apache Sitgreaves wild horses to 1540 Coronado expedition