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Comments: I hereby submit the following for the administrative record.

In early May of 2017 two free-roaming wild horses from the Heber herd were found fatally shot in the Black Mesa Ranger District. By all appearances they were shot within a day or two of each other. There have been numerous shootings of horses from the federally protected Heber wild horse herd over the years and yet nothing has been done. The Forest Service has not even bothered to put up signs, other than a few pieces of paper, stating the horses are protected by law.

The management plan has failed to address the ongoing issue of horses being shot. The focus of the management plan and EA are on how to go about getting rid of even more horses to the point of destroying the entire Heber wild horse herd.

Two of the attached photos are of the first horse, one showing a Navajo County Sheriff's Deputy investigating at the scene. One photo shows a bullet hole in that horse. The third photo is of the second horse found shot.

Attachment May 4, 2017 dead horse photograph

Attachment 1st horse bullet hole photograph

Attachment May 5, 2017 2nd shot horse photograph