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Comments: I gave earlier input to your Heber wild horse plan for the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, and am very displeased that you did not adequately recognize and address my points. The fact is that as trusted public officials sworn to uphold fairly all the laws of our great country you should honor the legitimate place of the wild horses in this national forest which you are privileged to oversee. It has come to my attention that the very small piece of land that you consider to be the Heber Wild Horse Territory is in fact but a small vestige of what should be the wild horse territory in your national forest. The wild horses "were found" in a much larger area in this at the passage of the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act, and they should be honored in these areas. Studying what you have done over the years, I see that you are employing a deceptive policy that greatly reduced the wild horses both in number and in terms of their access to legitimate habitat. This exacerbates over the years and is clearly a death knell for the wild horses, when combined with sterilizing drugs, overfencing of their wrongly reduced habitat, etc. Now at the 50th anniversary of the WFHBA we Americans must come clean and protect these wonderful returned North American native wild horses, not submit to the tempting path of every increasing selfishness and greed. We would be doing the wild horses and ourselves such a great favor by showing moral courage and defying the blind traditions of the past that are so inimical to the future well being of precious life on Earth. I am attaching my earlier input urge hou to carefully i consider the points I have raised. Happy Earth Day!

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