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Comments: Page 6 of your reason of concerns states 'Burned area rehabilitation projects began during the summer and fall of 2002. To provide soil stabilization, many of these projects involved seeding of grasses. As grass seedlings emerged, they became desirable forage for horses and some wildlife. In 2005, based on concerns that the increased number of free-ranging horses was adversely impacting the recovery of the burned lands, '

There is no mention of cattle or other livestock having an impact of seedlings. Furthermore horse manure actually encourages seedling growth. I have pictures of grass growing out of horse manure. In fact horses digestive tract does not destroy seedlings as do the digestive tracks of cattle and sheep. This is a well documented fact so increasing wild horses and burros in these areas of burns would help fertilize the soils and help regenerate seedling. Below is a classic example of ample seedling growth within the horse manure contrary to your claims.

The territory the FS wishes to put the horses on is uninhabitable and fenced off. Wild horses help keep fuel loads down in forests without destroying the re growth as cattle and livestock do yet there is no mention of this in your scoping. Please acknowledge the role wild horses and burros play in regeneration of soils, and keeping fuel loads down in forests.

I submit here a web site [www.whfb.com](http://www.whfb.com). [WWW.WILDHORSEFIREBRIGADE.COM](http://WWW.WILDHORSEFIREBRIGADE.COM) which clearly provides proof of the statement above. I submit Capt. Bill Simpson's plan to reinstate wild horses and burros into forests to help protect forests from fuel load build up as his wild horses saved his 500 acre ranch in Yreka from burning up due to their grazing.

This was acknowledged by the Fire chief in that district and you can see it in his video.

You demonize wild horses and burros, clearly siding with the cattle industry.

This illegal favoritism despite the fact that under the WFRHBA it clearly states Section C, Rangeland wild horses and burros get devoted principal presence on their Herd Areas. It does not give that favored status to other livestock.

Under multiple use BLM and the FS try to subvert the language by over use of other industries such as cattle and livestock grazing, oil and gas, and mining activities thus leaving the wild horses and burros last choice of their lands.

Sterilizing these wild horses and burros also goes against the WFRHBA because it interferes with their natural selection abilities and assumes humans know better how to manage their breeding possibilities.

The Heber Herds is the last herd in America that has been interfered with by humans and it needs to be recognized as such and built upon not degenerated into sterile horse herds and chaos mismanagement as BLM and the FS has proved itself to be.

This corruption must stop for our country is great in its majesty and wildlife and not a Burger King kingdom.

Attachment: Photograph