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Comments: This is in response to the planned roundups of the wild mustangs in the Cold Creek area.

I am a frequent visitor to the area and we ATV there. Why??? Because of the wildlife that calls this area home. It is enjoyable and relaxing and it should be left alone. Anytime we have out of town guests, Cold Creek and horses are a must see.

People are just in awe that an hour from all the glitz and glam that the strip has to offer, is this peaceful, serene wildlife natural ecosystem.

At any given time we have seen the mustangs, mule deer, elk, bobcat, snakes, hawks and who knows what we didn't see.

We also tell our visitors that soon the government will come in and round these horses up.

Why they ask?? Well, I am not sure why you folks think this needs to happen. I tell them they will be rounded up by helicopter, potentially separated from their herd mates and transported off to a holding facility for adoption or to live out their lives in a holding pen. I have visited Palomino Valley holding facility and it broke my heart. Will they be sold to some kill buyer and sent off to slaughter?

Depending on the type of roundup you plan, what is the environmental impact on the other wildlife that lives in the area? If you helicopter what damage will be done to the horses running them across the rocks?

I firmly believe your numbers are inaccurate and won't leave the herd genetic viable for years to come. Have you documented for years the strongest stallions and mares. What happens when you leave a mare or stallions with not the best genetics to get bred? What happens to herd numbers? What about the foals that are born?

What about age? will you be leaving some of the elders to teach the youngsters where food and water are? The snowfall and where to find food during the rough months that come to the area.

Also after watching them for many hours and days I am not sure what is meant by water damage. They go to the watering area get what they need and move on. Do we not have guzzlers already in place there? I have talked to hunters who told us about the guzzlers for the other wildlife.

Also driving up the 95 to get to Cold Creek I notice all the open range signs for cattle. If this is an issue I have not seen cattle in that area in the 5 years that I have been going up that way.

What about the elk that was transplanted in that area? Are they indigenous to the area as the horses are? I have photos of horses and elk grazing in the same area. It sure doesn't seem that they are bothering one another. And I don't believe that herd of elk is impacted by those horses being there. Nor do I believe the mule deer are affected.

We forget that mother nature has made all of these animals to live together and be part of a diverse ecosystem.

I would think that the horses grazing would be some type of natural fire control, by keeping some of the grasses down.

I believe the herd numbers are overinflated as to me it doesn't seem like there are that many horses left up there. The last few times we visited the area they seemed few in numbers.

What about those that chose to live in that area? Have you looked at a real estate flyer or their web site. What do they advertise? The wild horses and the nature that can be found there. If you buy property/house there you should expect to have nature in your yard. I think most of the residents in the community enjoy the horses. everyone we have talked to does.

It is just a shame of tax dollars (my hard earned tax dollars) being used for this, as in a few years we will have to spend tax money to put back what some government report thought needed to be eliminated. What looks good on paper doesn't always work in real life!!

The proposed round up needs more data and to be reevaluated for the long term good of the entire area. There needs to be a better way to handle this situation.

To me it has always been a well kept secret of Vegas and I enjoy the look on peoples faces who have lived here for years and years, when I tell them where we take out of town guests or that I am going on a photo shoot. They

are always surprised at my wildlife pictures and how beautiful the area is!!

It's a natural area and we really need to leave it and the wildlife as is for future generations to enjoy. Not in some book, not in a refuge. Out in the nature and wild.

There is nothing better than to be sitting on top of one of those hills and looking down at all that pasture land and to see a herd of horses grazing in one area and the elk herd grazing in another. It's mother nature working at her best and doing a job well!!