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Comments: Please protect wild horses and burros near Las Vegas.

They are the last remaining wild horses and burros in the Las Vegas area, and could be a popular ecotourism destination for visitors from all over the world. Yet the U.S Forest Service (FS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) want to drastically reduce the number of wild horses and burros living in the Spring Mountains Complex, a 784,325 acre federal land area that includes three wild horse and burro areas near Las Vegas: Red Rock, Spring Mountain/Wheeler Pass and Johnnie.

The agencies plan would reduce the number of wild horses and burros allowed in this public land area and remove as many as 900 wild horses and burros from their homes on the range there.

The Spring Mountains Alliance (SMA) has done excellent work to protect this important wild horse and burro population and to promote these herds' great ecotourism potential. They have put forth a detailed plan for partnering with the BLM for range stewardship, ecotourism and fertility control for these herds. Please support their efforts to preserve these mustangs and burros.

Thank you.

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