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Comments: Clearly a great deal of work has gone into this plan and it covers many positive aspects to management.

My objection is narrowly focussed and on the treatment of the horses during the culling process. Helicopter driving kills foals. It is difficult to seasonally regulate because the mares are heavy with foal when foals from the previous season are big enough to possibly keep up. It may be legal but it isn't humane.

Birth control in the bait would be preferable but likely isn't done because money is needed. How much money does it take to hire a helicopter and pilot?

With climate crisis and the heat, suffering is going to intensify and some will be lost to heat anyway. This whole thing is a sad sad thing. Can't our state officials come up with something better? Clearly cattle ranchers are pressing on you hard but to fall back to such awful methods for meeting their demands is a result of limited thinking. You must come up with something better. You know this business. Please do.