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Comments: I oppose this project as the AZ Forestry Service is only interested in culling horses, not managing them.

The Forest Service had intended to remove the Heber herd in 2005. A Temporary Restraining Order prevented them from doing so. A Federal Court Case followed with the following four counts against the Forest Service:
COUNT ONE:
(VIOLATION OF WILD HORSES AND BURROS ACT OF 1971)
COUNT TWO:
(VIOLATION OF NEPA)
COUNT THREE:
(VIOLATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT)
COUNT FOUR:
(DECLARATORY RELIEF)

Heber Wild Horses representative was fired from the Collaborative for not being "in the spirit" of the working group. There were only about two meetings left when she was fired. She didn't agree with a herd cull and apparently they only wanted people who were on board with a cull. She was the only person selected who was pro Heber wild horses that knew anything about the herd or the area. Once she was terminated there was no true representative for the protection of the horses. Arizona Game and Fish Dept and the AZ Dept of Ag want the horses removed. The collaborative was strongly biased against the horses from the very beginning.

This travesty highlights the importance of NEPA and why government agencies want to weaken or do away with it. NEPA gives "we the people" a voice in what happens to our public lands. Apparently "we the people" get in the way of business between our federal agencies and special interest groups.

Please drop this slaughter plan!

Sincerest Regards,