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Comments: A lot of care and thoughtfulness went into the crafting of this report, so, thank you for this. The acreage of the Heber Wild Horse Territory is certainly adequate for the horse and burro population, and I appreciate government efforts to be a help and not a hindrance for the safety and welfare of these animals. I have no objections to this review plan for the most part; however, I would ask that the managers of the final plan consider the following:

1. No matter how efficient you think it is to employ helicopters in the round-up of these animals, it is exactly the sort of thing that results in fear and injury, and frequently fatalities of the horses and burros. As efficient as you think it is, in the end, it is not. These are not large herds. I recommend going back to the old cowboy way of the classic round-up. It is less stressful and much safer.
2. Active birth control measures for the mares, if you are not doing this regularly, would go a long way to sustaining any population surges. It is safe, relatively inexpensive, and results in a better quality of life for these animals who must compete for food.

Thank you for considering these suggestions.