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Comments: I know a bit, and care a lot, about the land and history implicated in this management initiative. I am pleased to see USFS address this long-standing and very serious and ongoing threat to the integrity and resilience of the land within the Heber RD and adjacent lands.

I am unaware of any public benefits from having large numbers of unregulated livestock on range, wood, and forest lands. The benefits are confined to "spiritual" inspiration to those who see the "wild horses" as noble and wondrous beasts. This is delusional and must not form a basis for management decision making. These are not, despite appearances and pleas from some horse lovers (I count myself among them, too), "Wild" animals. These are feral animals which have been allowed to proliferate and damage public lands for generations, causing untold damage. This is a non-native species and requires management as such. There will never be a better time than right now to act accordingly.

One other other issue requires further analysis and use in formulating the management response. The history of management of the affected lands and feral horse populations must be understood to appreciate the factors that contributed to the current predicament. What prevented previous generations of USFS officials from doing their work? Why hasn't there been a joint, USDA-USDOI effort to share information and coordinate action to address an obvious, century-old problem. Why do fences and other means for animal control remain underutilized? USFS is advised to shed light on historical truths, including all previous management initiatives on both sides of the Mogollon Rim boundary fence in order to lay bare the the flimsy excuses from Federal agency officials for inaction. That comedy of incompetence and inaction should nicely set the stage and pace for progress to dramatically reduce or eliminate the threat of feral horses on our public lands.