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Comments: I live in Show Low and have spent countless hours hiking and driving around the Apache Sitgreaves national forest. I have covered ares north to south and east to west. Each time I am out, I am appalled and amazed at the pure number of unregulated wild horses and the damage they cause to the ecosystem. I have personally been charged and threatened by aggressive males as I have been hiking. I have reports from friends that have had the same experience. I have witnessed the herds being aggressive around resources, including water sources in which they would not allow native wildlife drink water. I have seen countless instances where the herds have destroyed fences, roads, and watering holes.

I wholeheartedly agree that something needs to be done to help protect this beautiful land. Just as wildlife such as deer, elk, bears, lions and others must be managed; so should the horses. It is unhealthy for the horses, the other wildlife, and the land to allow such unregulated free roam without some sort of management.

I grew up around horses, and I find them to be great smart animals. However, it is foolish to allow such destruction of the land based on emotion versus sound cognitive reason and science.