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Comments: These horses came from people releasing them into the forest when they could no longer care for them. I have also been told some of them came from the Rez when people cut the fence to let them out, so these are not wild and will overrun the forest if allowed to breed unfettered and have few, if any, natural predators. A lot of time / energy has been put into building up the elk, deer, antelope, sheep populations and unfettered feral horse populations will impede their health and eventually lead to the same issues encountered with prior horse tragedies. Salt River horse herds are over populated and have been in expensive litigation to determine how to manage them for years. In 2018, 200 horses on a nearby reservation starved to death after they could not find sufficient water and ended up walking into a muddy watering hole they couldn't get out of. I realize there are a lot of non-Arizonan horse lovers, but as a local resident, land owner and taxpayer, I support properly culling or removing the horses from the forest land.

One additional comments, a lot of special interest groups are blaming ranchers for this horse issue, so I just want to mention I do not run any cattle on either private or public lands. I just want to make sure the herd is properly managed and that public funds are used for the right activities, and not the wrong ones. Thank you.