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Comments: I strongly oppose the suggested territory size. The area is it large enough for the health of these animals, and the population size proposed is not large enough for genetic diversity. Our wild horse population is a source of pride and awe in Arizona. It is a representation on our native roots (yes they are native to North America) and should be protected and respected. I have strong suspicions that these proposals are being pushed forward by those who are motivated by capitalism and not in the best interests of the horses.

I would like to see more studies supporting this proposal. In the proposal I saw interviews with local residents and forest rangers and I saw books about the native culture of courses but what I didn't see was any scientific references to maintaining healthy wild horse territories. I also did not see any references to the more recent paleontology research that shows that courses are in fact native to our country.

https://newsmaven.io/indiancountrytoday/news/yes-world-there-were-horses-in-native-culture-before-the-settlers-came-JGqPrqLmZk-3ka-IBqNWiQ