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Comments: As humans it is our duty to protect and preserve the natural wonders of this world.I am urging you to follow Congress lead to protect these majestic creatures before it is too late "It is the policy of Congress that wild free-roaming horses and burros shall be protected from capture, branding, harassment, or death; and to accomplish this they are to be considered in the area where presently found, as an integral part of the natural system of the public lands." Dozens of horses have been fatally shot in the last couple of years. Require a plan for their protection that would include signage stating the Heber wild horse herd is federally protected and that penalties for capturing, branding, harassment, or death can result in fines up to \$100,000 and a year in prison for each offense. A plan that would call for the Forest Service law enforcement to respond in a timely manner to reported deaths and other violations against the wild horses and conduct their investigations in a complete and thorough manner which would include calling in other agencies who can offer more experience in investigating criminal acts if necessary. A plan to educate the forest rangers and other personnel about wild horses and the Heber wild horse herd. A plan that would instruct Forest Service personnel to not undermine the value of the herd and federal law by saying things such as, "go ahead and take whatever horses you want" which is in direct violation of the Act and Federal Court Order.