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Comments: Comments regarding the Heber Wild Horse Territory Management Plan.

First, the Forest Service needs to sit down and read the 1971 Free-Roaming Horses and Burro Act. Wild horses have a RIGHT to live on our public lands. The WFHBA states: "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." Please read and abide - this is law.

It appears that the Forest Service wants to cull the Heber herd down to a genetically non-viable population.

I request that the Forest Service (FS) take a hard look at the internal cattle pasture fences and how the fences affect the ability of the horses to migrate for forage and water and to intermingle with one another. The internal fences give principle use to livestock when wild horses are to have principle use.

I require the census numbers from 2005 to the present day that substantiates their claim that the Heber herd population has grown rapidly. Require factual herd population numbers and proof as in photos and other documentation since 2005 to the present day.

I require the FS provide scientific data that shows there is an over population of horses in the Heber herd.

I require the FS provide hard data that shows water and forage consumption of every grazing species in the forest, both domestic and wild. Considering usage of only one species does not provide the scientific data to determine an appropriate population of any species in that area.

I require the FS provide all info and data on grazing allotments and grazing periods for each and number of livestock cow/calf pairs, if they are imported from other states and if so, what states, for that period and a map of the allotments including name(s) or company names of allotment holders.

This so-called management plan dreamed up by the Forest Service does not have the health and well-being of our wild horses in mind. This plan will be devastating to our wild horses. I demand that the Forest Service take a step back, maybe more, to regroup and rethink their plan. The wild horses have a right to our public lands; it is only a privilege for cattle and sheep.

Thank you for your time. For the horses. We must protect, preserve, defend, and save them.





