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Comments: I am opposed to the Heber Wild Horses plan because there is no maximum population number set for this area. Wild horse and burro populations have a demonstrated ability to grow at 18-20 percent per year. Widespread and overabundant feral horses and burros wreak havoc on the rangeland ecosystem by overgrazing native plants, exacerbating invasive establishment and out-competing other ungulates. This is already happening. The population needs to be lessened immediately to reduce impact on a rebounding deer and elk population.