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Comments: We believe the current population is approximately 200 horses, and given all the recent horse deaths via shooting and predation of foals, there is no need at this time to remove any further horses from the territory. Given the last census information, you provided was from 2017, this issue has not been addressed as to the effect it had on the population.

Fences on the existing territory have been an issue. Livestock fencing created a situation where the horses cannot reside easily, nor roam-freely, thus changing their free-roaming behaviors, and that must be addressed. Livestock permittees must follow grazing regulations, and must not impede the movement of the horses, including movement to different water sources on the territory during drought.

Forest Service has additionally not addressed the issue of repeated complaints of horses being chased, stolen, shot, enticed through feed, salt or water to be in or near roads. Until Forest Service can manage these basic tenets of wild horse management we feel that this plan is not a plan to protect, rather a plan to further harm or kill the horses in the herd. How will Forest Service ensure in this HMAP or, what we recommend is more appropriate, an EIS, that these horses are going to be managed for the protection of the herd, not for the benefit of the livestock producers in the area?