Data Submitted (UTC 11): 2/27/2020 10:08:02 PM
First name: Joyce
Last name: Schusler
Organization:
Title:
Comments: Hello,
I do not agree with your plan you have for the wild horses. I have several concerns, questions and points to make.  What is the difference on the balance of the ecosystem in removing wild horses from public grazing land in comparison to allowing the cattle to graze? These are public lands! We have lived on the NF in Overgaard for several years and see LESS wild horses as many have been killed by a sick person and many have been captured and hauled away. Also the helicopter drive trapping on the wild horses will affect all the wildlife and is a CRUEL thing for any animal to experience. Why can't they just sterilize SOME of the wild horses?I have been told that the EA/EIS must include the research and monitoring data and the scientific methods used to differentiate between wild horses versus wildlife verses livestock. This monitoring research and its subsequent report data and summary must include all methods used by the USFS to determine and differentiate between wild horse usage and wildlife usage AND livestock usage of forage and water usage in at LEAST the PAST TEN YEARS! This needs to be handled in a correct, open, legal and fair way for all.There are many people that enjoy the wild horses and if you cull the herd as you are hoping to do in the number you hope to do you will eventually eliminate the herd. Many are lost each year due to age, drought, killings and accidents in nature..... they DO NOT need any culling. The herd, if anything, has decreased since I have lived here in the past 10 years bordering the forest. I really hope that you will truly consider the options and let the horses alone. Thank you, Joyce